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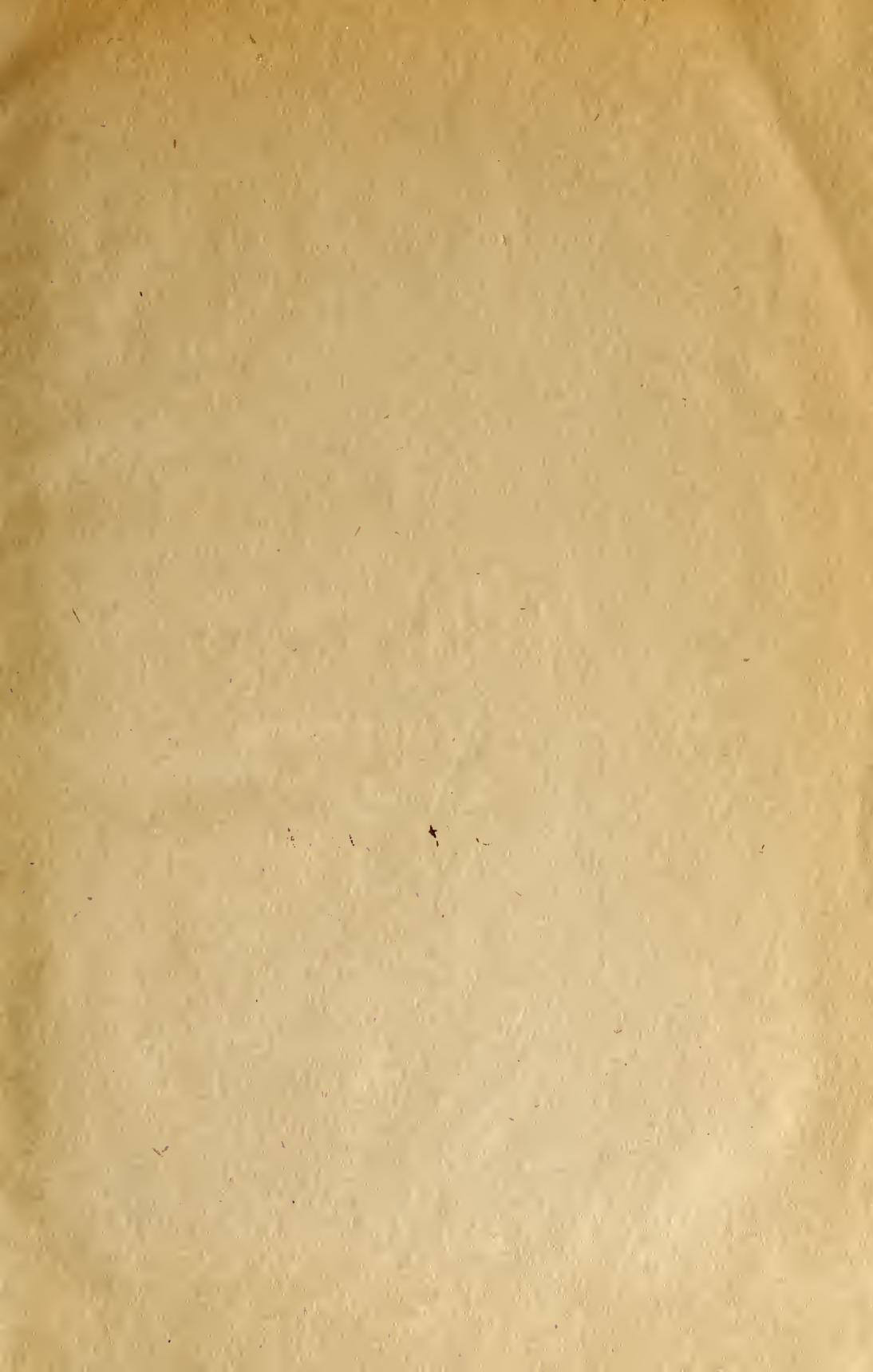
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MINUTES

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Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

—OF THE—

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNT TABOR M. H., RANDOLPH CO., N. C.,

Commencing on Saturday, August 26, 1893.

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WILSON, N. C.:
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Proceedings.

1. Singing and prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs, after which Elder R. W. Snider preached the introductory sermon, from Rev. 12th chapter and 1st verse: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven," &c.

2. Recess three-quarters of an hour, after which the delegates from the several churches met in the house of worship; praise and prayer by Elder Wm. A. Ross; letters from the several churches called for, read and their state minuted; reading Rules of Decorum was omitted; called for corresponding messengers and there appeared,

From Country Line—Elders J. A. Burch, J. M. Harris and W. C. Jones, messengers, and S. Hays, J. S. Ward, H. W. Johnson and W. H. Johnson, brethren as visitors.

From Mayo—Brethren L. P. Matthews, D. R. Stafford.

From Bear Creek—Elder Jesse Brown, brother A. F. Honeycutt.

From Little River—No messengers.

From White Oak—None.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher's River—None.

From Kehukee—Elder W. A. Ross.

From Contentnea—None.

Elder M. F. Stubbs, from Lower Canoochee, was invited to a seat with us.

Sunday preaching—The brethren appointed to preach met at the stand. Elder W. A. Ross introduced the services of the day and preached from the 17th chapter, 2d and 3d verses of the gospel by John, "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

Elder M. F. Stubbs followed from 16th chapter and 13th verse of the gospel of Matthew. When Jesus came into the coast of Csarea, Phillipi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am." Recess one hour. Elder James A. Burch then preached from the 12th chapter and 38th verse of the gospel by Matthew, "Then certain of the Scribes and of the Pharisees answered saying, Master," &c. Services closed by prayer. The preaching seemed to be one piece, we believe to the building up of the poor saints, and confirming the wavering; and hope that it was to the convincing of some of those who are in error, as to the doctrine of the Baptists. Also received a file of Minutes from Country Line, Mayo, Little River, Bear Creek, White Oak, Fisher's River, Kehukee, Contentnea, Eno, Mill Branch and Mountain District.

3d. The Association chose Elder R. W. Snider Moderator.

4th. Invited ministering brethren to seats. Elder M. F. Stubbs from Canoochee, Ga., took a seat.

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5th. Appointed Elders P. W. Williard, I. P. Bean, brother J. H. Boroughs with the moderator and clerk a committee of arrangements to report Monday morning.

6th. Appointed brethren Wm. F. Norwood and S. C. Lanier a Committee of Finance.

7th. Called for Circular letter and referred to committee of arrangements.

8th. Elected by ballot Elders Wm. A. Ross, M. F. Stubbs, and Jas. A. Burch to preach to-morrow. Worship to commence at ten o'clock a. m. Elders Jesse Brown, I. P. Bean and W. C. Jones to preach Monday worship to commence at 9 o'clock a. m.

9th. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. M. Harris from Titus 2d chapter and 11th verse: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men." Elder M. F. Stubbs closed by exhortation.

MONDAY AUG. 28th 1893.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Snider.

11th. Called Messengers' names, noted absentees. Also called Corresponding messengers' names.

12th. The Committee of arrangements made their report; report received and Committee discharged.

13th. Called on corresponding Messengers to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

14th. The following brethren were appointed as corresponding messengers to sister Associations, viz:—To Country Line, brethren Wm. F. Norwood, Wm. M. Cox. Again, To Mayo Wm. H. Lawrence, Elder P. W. Williard, and A. M. Williams; To Bear Creek, Elder R. W. Snider, I. P. Bean and brother M. C. Morgan. To Little River, brethren T. C. Beal and A. Gains. To White Oak, Minutes. To Fisher's River, Elder P. W. Williard, brother F. A. Craven. To Kehukee, Elder R. W. Snider and A. P. Leach. To Contentnea, Minutes. To Eno, Minutes.

15th. Called for circular letter, read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

16th. Appointed brother W. H. Lawrence to write a circular letter for our next minutes.

17th. Called on Committee of Finance to report,

Sent up from the churches	\$12 68
Paid to the clerk	2 35
Total.....	\$15 03
Paid for printing minutes	\$11 00
Due clerk from last year	1 78
Due clerk for services	7 00
	19 78
Balance due clerk.....	\$ 4 75

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18th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pine M. H. Davidson Co., N. C., eight miles west of Linwood, Eleven miles North of Salisbury, to commence on Saturday before 4th Lord's day in August 1894, and that Elder P. W. Williard preach the introductory sermon, Elder R. W. Snider his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

19th. The clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of these minutes and that we have 600 copies printed.

20th. The clerk was allowed \$7.00 for his services.

21st: Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder R. W. Snider reports that he and Elder Jesse Brown met the church at Big Creek M. H. and proceeded to ordain brother I. P. Bean to the work of the ministry.

22d. The Association returns thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality during this meeting.

23d. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned. Praise by the Moderator.

R. W. SNIDER. Mod.

A. P. Leach, Cl'k.

The rain falling so much and wind so strong prevented any preaching Monday.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN THE LORD:—The Association at our last session appointed me to write a circular letter for our next minutes, which I will try to perform. Knowing my weakness and inability, I cannot write anything that will be acceptable unless the Lord be with me. I will call your attention to Paul's letter to the church at Collosse, 2d chap. 6 verse. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." Beloved brethren and sisters, how did you feel when you first received him? You received him as a little child, for except ye be converted and become as a little child ye can in no-wise enter into the kingdom of heaven, you did not receive him in anger there was no root of bitterness in your heart, you felt humble as a little child, you esteemed others better than yourselves, you feared to do anything that would hurt the cause, you were killed to the love of the world or the things of the world. There was a complete change. The things you once loved you now hated, but soon you were made to doubt the reality of it all. You could not tell why it was, so then you could witness what the Savior told Nicodemus, the wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof but cans't not tell from whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Brethren, I have been made to feel solemn at our church meetings to see so few of the members that fill their seats. We are commanded not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and so much the more as we see the day approaching. Why is it that there is so much coldness in the churches. It is on account of our disobedience. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to day and forever. God has promised to bless his children in obedience and not in disobedience. Israel of old destroyed herself by disobedience, by not keeping the statutes given her. Hosea 13 chap. 9 verse, O Israel thou hast destroyed thyself, but in me is thy help, we believe that National Israel was a type of Spiritual Israel. National Israel was blessed with the blessings pertaining to this life in obedience, so spiritual Israel is blessed spiritually in walking in the ordinances and precepts, of her Lord and master. I am the true vine and my Father is the husbandman. Read the 15th chapter of John, and there you will find the cause of our coldness. "Ye are the salt of the earth; if the salt have lost its savor where with shall it be salted. Baptists should be careful how they walk, for when they get out of the way they dishonor the cause they profess to adore. May the Lord be with his people and teach them both to will and to do is my prayer.

N. R. HARRISON.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.		Baptised.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
Flat Creek	J. L. Morgan	Pool	M. C. Morgan, Samuel Snider, A. N. Surratt, *P. W. Williard, A. M. Idol, O. A. Craven	2 16 \$	75							
Abbott's Creek	C. T. Phillips	Abbott's Creek	Solomon Snider, S. Lanier, N. R. Skean	2 1 1	41	2 00						
Toms Creek	N. R. Harrison	Denton	+W. D. Green, A. L. Owen, A. M. Williams,	2	36	2 10						
Pine M. H.	J. L. Snider	Jubilee	J. H. Boroughs, V. E. Jones, ...	1	79	2 63						
Mount Tabor	H. Boroughs,	Kemp's Mills	J. H. Boroughs, W. M. Cox, Isham Bean	2	11	1 00						
Sandy Creek	V. E. Jones,	Soapstone Mount	John Hays, ...	1	5							
Brush Creek	I. P. Bean	Inner	Not represented	1								
Big Creek	A. P. Leach	Martin's Mill	J. M. Morgan, J. M. Tucker, J. M. Dennis	1								
Suggs Creek	W. H. Lawrence	Randallman	A. P. Leach, F. Auman, P. G. Deaton	1								
Rock Hill	W. F. Norwood	Richmond	*R. W. Snider, W. H. Lawrence, W. R. Trogdon, W. F. Norwood, A. Gains, †N. R. Hilliard	2 1 2 1 1 14	15 40 3 00 1 00 1 60 55	1 00						
Bear Creek			Ordained Ministers * Absentees †	11 1 4 2 1 11	277 \$15 03							

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTH SPRING SESSION

—OF THE—

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

Church at Philadelphia, Rutherford County, N. C.,

April 30th and May 1st and 2nd, 1892.

—ALSO OF THE—

Sixty-First or Fall Session,

—HELD WITH THE—

Bethany Church, Anson County, N. C.,

October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1892.

Compiled by J. W. JONES, Clerk, White's Store, N. C.

MONROE, N. C.:

PRINTED AT THE ENQUIRER OFFICE,
1892.

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of the Spring Session, 1892.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. F. Mills, from Zechariah, 9th chapter and 9th verse. After intermission the association convened in the house; opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches in the association, read them and states minuted.

2. On motion, appointed Elder J. F. Mills, Moderator, and A. G. Morton, Clerk.

3. Invited visiting brethren to seats. Elder P. D. Gold appeared and took his seat.

4. Invited brethren from sister associations to seats.

5. Appointed as a committee of arrangements, Elder P. D. Gold and Wilson Chaney with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed Elders P. D. Gold and J. F. Mills to occupy the stand on tomorrow; service to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

7. On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

8. Dismissed by the Moderator.

SUNDAY, May 1st, 1892.

Services opened by Elder J. F. Mills, from Acts, 3rd chapter and 15th verse. Elder P. D. Gold closed services of the day by the use of Eph., 2nd chap., 8th, 9th and 10th verses. The brethren seemed to be blessed with great liberty, and we hope much good was done.

MONDAY MORNING, May 2nd.

9. Met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

10. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

11. Called names of messengers and noted absentees thus X and read rules of decorum.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. No report.

13. On motion, we extend thanks to this church and people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during this present meeting.

14. On motion, we return thanks to the C. C. R. R. for the benefit of reduced rates to this meeting.

15. Appointed Bro. J. L. McDaniel to visit the Silver Creek association.

16. Dismissed by Elder J. F. Mills, Moderator.

A. G. MORTON, Clerk.

On Saturday, while association was in session, Elder P. D. Gold occupied the stand and preached from 2nd Cor., 6th chapter and 2nd verse. He also preached Monday morning from Songs of Solomon, 8th chap., 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th verses.

Elder J. F. Mills used on Monday for his text, Luke 2nd chap., 11th verse.

A. G. MORTON, Clerk

Statistical Table of Spring Session, 1892.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES.

Bear Creek.....	A. F. Honeycutt* E. F. Honeycutt* D. Page..	28
Bethany.....	N. G. Jones, Jr.....	12
Freedom.....	W. H. Poplin,* Elder J. Brown.....	14
High Hill.....	W. Chaney, O. Baucom,* M. Medlin,*	64
Jones Hill.....	Eld. S. C. Little,* A. G. Morton, M. Walters,*	22
Liberty.....	B. F. Williams,* W. E. Williams.....	22
Lawyers Spring.....	S. Edwards, Shep Edwards, T. Tyson.....	27
Meadow Creek.....	Not Represented.....	22
Watson.....	Eld. J. F. Mills, A. Baucom,* J. M. Austin,*	22
Crooked Creek.....	Not Represented.....	20
Philadelphia.....	J. McKinney, J. W. Beam, F. M. Gardner,.....	7
Pleasant Hill.....	J. S. Norris,*.....	14
Liberty Hill.....	Not Represented.....	11
Jerusalem.....	A. Helms, J. Thomas, B. Thomas,*	1
Mountain Creek.....	A. Vanhooy,* J. T. Russell,*	1
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ABSENTEES MARKED THUS *.

Proceedings of the Fall Session.

SATURDAY, Oct. 1st, 1892.

1. Introductory sermon delivered by Elder N. M. Clark, from 119th Psalm and 104th verse: "Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way."

2. Called for the letters from the several churches and read them.

3. On motion, appointed Elder S. C. Little, Moderator, and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

4. Called for correspondence from sister associations. Elder R. W. Snider and I. P. Beam of Abbotts Creek, took seats. Brother Snider reports they are now in peace.

5. On motion, we invite visiting brethren of sister associations to seats.

6. On motion, we appoint a committee of arrangements, viz: Elders N. M. Clark, Jesse Brown and Brother S. L. Mullis, with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. On motion, appoint Brethren C. P. Griffin and W. H. Poplin a committee on finance.

8. Elected by ballot the following Elders to preach on tomorrow: S. C. Little, G. L. Chaney, Jesse Brown and I. P. Beam; services to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

9. Adjourn until half past 9 o'clock Monday morning. While the association was in the house Licentiate I. P. Beam was called to the stand and preached from Hebrews, 7th chapter and 19th verse. Words of the text, "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did, by the which we draw nigh unto God."

SUNDAY, Oct. 2nd.

Services opened by Elder G. L. Chaney. His text was 2nd Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th and 10th verses. "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, &c. Elder S. C. Little followed and preached from Revelations, 22nd chapter, 14th verse. "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." Intermission for one hour, after which Elder Jesse Brown preached from Jeremiah, 23rd chapter, 28th, 29th and 30th verses, "The prophet that hath a dream let him tell a dream and he that hath my word let him speak my word faithfully, &c. I. P. Beam closed services. His text was Joshua, 24th chapter and 15th verse, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord choose you this day whom

ye will serve," &c. The word was preached in faithfulness, and we believe God was glorified and the saints built up and edified.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 3rd.

Services opened by praise and prayer by Elder N. M. Clark.

10. The committee of arrangements make their report. Report received and committee discharged.

11. Called names of messengers and noted absentees thus X.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. The brethren appointed failed to attend and at their request were excused.

13. Called on Presbyters to report. Bro. J. F. Mills reported that himself and Elder P. D. Gold formed a Presbytery at Philadelphia church and ordained Brethren Beam and Gardner deacons of that church. Bro. J. M. Austin also reported that Elders G. L. Chaney, A. Gardner and J. C. Williams formed a Presbytery at Watson church and ordained Bro. J. F. Mills to the work of the ministry.

14. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows: To Abbott's Creek, Elder Jesse Brown and Brother T. P. Ledbetter; to Mill Branch, Elder S. C. Little; to Silver Creek, Brethren J. S. Norris, B. F. and W. E. Williams; to Mountain District, Brethren J. S. Norris, B. F. and W. E. Williams; to Center, Elder Jesse Brown; to Cool Springs, Elder J. F. Mills and Brethren J. W. Jones and J. W. Huntley.

15. Moved and carried that we have our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum published in these minutes.

16. Treasurer reports \$5.27 from last year.

17. Committee of Finance reports: Sent up by the churches, \$20.50; total \$25.77.

18. At the request of the Philadelphia church, she was granted a letter of dismissal to join some other association.

19. On motion, appointed the clerk to superintend printing 500 copies of these minutes, and distribute as heretofore; and that he have \$8.00 for his services.

20. On motion, appointed a committee to visit Mountain Creek church, looking to their disciplinary standing, and report to our next association. A committee of twelve was appointed as follows: Elders S. C. Little, Jesse Brown, G. L. Chaney, N. M. Clark, J. C. Williams, J. F. Mills,

and Brethren W. H. Poplin, A. Whitley, Green Alman, J. M. Austin, Thomas Tyson and J. W. Jones; and that they visit said church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1892.

21. On motion, we request the clerk to have the times and sittings of this association published in Zion's Landmark

22. On motion, we withdraw the 12th article in our May minutes of 1891.

23. Called for the circular letter; read and approved.

24. On motion, Elder J. F. Mills was appointed to write our next circular letter.

25. On motion, we amend the 4th article of our faith so as to read thus: "We believe the doctrine of election; that God choose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began."

26. Appoint the next spring session of this association to convene with the Watson church, Union county, North Carolina, 10 miles northeast of Monroe; that Elders Jesse Brown preach the introductory sermon, Elder S. C. Little, alternate; and that the fall session convene with the Meadow Creek church, Stanly county, N. C., two miles north of Locust Level and eight miles west of Big Lick; and that Elder J. F. Mills preach the introductory sermon, Elder G. L. Chaney, alternate.

27. Does this association believe that a brother Baptist is violating the laws of discipline in the legal manufacture of spirituous liquors? Answer, no.

28. On motion, we return thanks to this church and people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during this association.

29. Anjourned to time and place above mentioned in these minutes.

ELDER S. C. LITTLE, Moderator,
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

Monday, while the association was in session, Elder R. W. Snider and G. L. Chaney were called to the stand. Elder Snider's text not known. Elder Chaney preached from Hebrews, 2nd chapter, 2nd and 3rd verses, "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" &c.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

It becomes our duty to address you by way of a circular letter, and not being confined to any particular subject, but left to follow the leadings of our mind, so we proceed to stir up your pure minds to a duty which we think is of great importance to ourselves and to others, and to the encouragement of the several churches of this association; that of giving due attention to the brethren of low degree. Strengthen ye the weak arms and confirm the feeble knees. It seems that Apostle James in writing to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, which embraced the whole church of God, which seems to be the drawing of our mind today and for many days past and gone.

To visit the churches composing the Bear Creek Association, also visit the little ones who dwell beyond the limits of our associational bounds, in consequence of affliction sometimes of body but mostly in spirit. For it is our spiritual things we speak mostly. We feel the members of the Bear Creek Association are our people. For Jesus says, "For whosoever will do the will of my father which is in Heaven the same is my brother, sister and mother."

While we rejoice over these wonderful words of Jesus, we should remember our brother and sister of low degree. For the Lord Jesus has remembered them by the words of the Apostle James and should be the topic of our minds today, not only to the friends of the brethren but to show ourselves as such by our brotherly kindness towards them, which is a work that should be present with us, for we find our hearts warmed up with that heavenly fire of love towards our poor and afflicted brethren, and when we find the same fire burning in our hearts it is good evidence that we are the sons of God, for he says by the apostle, "Hearken my beloved brethren, for hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him."

This seems to be the mind of Christ, for he says to his disciples when he called a little child unto him and set him in the midst of them, "Verily I say unto you, except you be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven." And again he says, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my

name recieveth me; and whosoever shall recieve me recieveth not me but him that sent me.”—Mark ix, 37.

By the foregoing scriptures we see by this Heavenly spirit imprinted upon the heart by the things of God, who is the author of this tender love towards the little ones of low degree, which is the end of the law and fulfils the royal law according to the Scripture, where it says, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, if so ye do well, for greater works than these no man can do, which work proves that he hath faith, and faith is productive of good works. Was not our father Abraham justified by works when he had offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar.”—James xi, 21. “Seeth thou how faith wrought with his works and by works was faith made perfect.” As such, we hope by this circular to visit the several churches comprising this association, and then the hearthstone of those whose opportunities are so limited that they cannot attend associations. Such privileges we deem as most sacred. It seems like meeting in Heaven where saints meet and never part; where eternal joy never cease; where sickness and sorrow are not known; where none of God’s children are denied the privilege of meeting together; where none shall be called little, but all great. “For as many of you as have been baptised unto Christ have put on Christ; there is neither male nor female, for ye are one in Christ, for our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself; where all God’s children shall be enabled by him to render unto him undivided praises for ever and ever. Amen.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

- S. C Little, Big Lick, Stanly County, N. C.
- N. M. Clark, Big Lick, Stanly County, N. C.
- Jesse Brown, Porter, Stanly County, N. C.
- G. L. Chaney, Monroe, Union County, N. C.
- J. C. Williams, Monroe, Union County, N. C.
- J. F. Mills, Beaver Dam, Union County, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1st. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances are to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Statistical Table of the Fall Session, 1892.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.						\$1 50
		By Experience.	Baptised.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	
Bear Creek.....	A. F. Honeycutt, Bloomington	E. F. Honeycutt, E. N. Herrin,* D. Page,*	2	2	2	2	2	25
Bethany.....	N. G. Jones, Jr., Bennett.....	E. C. Jones, P. Vaughan, J. W. Huntley,...	12	12	12	12	12	150
Crooked Creek.....	W. R. Helms, Oak Grove.....	W. Benton, J. E. Williams, E. C. Williams,...	3	3	2	2	2	150
Freedom.....	J. A. Holt, Whitley	Elder Jesse Brown, W. H. Poplin,.....	1	1	1	1	1	100
High Hill.....	I. N. Medlin, Monroe.....	W. Chaney, A. J. Dees, G. S. Medlin,.....	2	2	7	7	7	150
Jones Hill.....	A. Whitley, Big Lick.....	Elder S. C. Little, A. Whitley, N. Hinson,.....	2	2	20	20	20	135
Jerusalem.....	J. D. Nance, Goodman.....	A. Helms, J. W. Medlin, J. Thomas,.....	2	2	17	17	17	125
Liberty Hill.....	J. C. Gilbert, Big Lick.....	Elder N. M. Clark, J. C. Gilbert, A. Smith,.....	1	1	16	16	16	100
Liberty.....	J. W. Helms, Monroe.....	W. E. Williams, J. W. Helms, B. F. Williams	22	22	22	22	22	125
Lawyers Spring.....	J. W. Jones, White's Store,.....	C. P. Griffin, T. Tyson, J. W. Jones,.....	1	1	28	28	28	65
Meadow Creek.....	F. P. Barbee, Locust Level,.....	T. P. Ledbetter, F. P. Barbee,.....	1	1	15	15	15	100
Mountain Creek.....	A. Vanhooy, Bilesville,.....	J. T. Russell,* A. Vanhooy,*	11	11	100	100	100	100
Philadelphia.....	J. McKinney, Ento.....	F. N. Gardner,* J. McDaniel,* J. McKinney*	21	21	100	100	100	100
Pleasant Hill.....	J. S. Norris, Rock Cut,.....	J. S. Norris	7	7	100	100	100	100
Watson.....	S. M. Mullis, Richardson's Creek,.....	J. M. Austin, A. Bancon, Elder J. F. Mills,.....	21	21	200	200	200	200
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ABSENTEES MARKED THUS *.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator or chief speaker and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present, and the chief Moderator shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer, shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member, provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall he give a vote unless the Association be divided.

2nd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the chief speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

3rd. No person shall speak more than three times to one subject, without leave of the Association.

4th. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave.

5th. No member of the association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of "brother."

6th. The chief Speaker or moderator shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking unless his speech is finished, except he break the rules of decorum.

7th. The names of all the members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the association may require.

8th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this association shall be reproved by the association in any way they may think most proper.

STATEMENT.

Over from last year,	\$ 5 27
Sent up this year,	20 50
Total,	\$25 77
Clerk's fee,	\$ 8 00
For printing these Minutes,	12 00
Total,	\$20 00
Balance on Hand,	\$ 5 77

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MINUTES

OF THE

59TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association.

HELD AT

Bethel Meeting-House, Pamlico County, N. C.,

SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,

12th, 13th and 14th days of October, 1889.

Printed at Office of Zion's Landmark, Wilson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 12th, 1889.

1st. In the absence of those that were chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. P. D. Gold, from the Black Creek Association, was chosen and preached from Psalms CHI, 1st to 5th verse, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name," &c.

2nd. The Messengers from the several churches then assembled, and the Association was opened by Elder S. P. Terry with praise and prayer.

3rd. Elder J. W. Gardner was chosen Moderator and L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach at the stand to-day Elds. L. H.

Hardy and A. Cartwright. Elder Hardy opened and preached from St. Matthew XXV, 1 to 13, inclusive, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins," &c. Elder Cartwright followed from the Song of Solomon 2nd chapter 3rd verese, "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons."

6th. Brethren J. R. Rowe and R. W. Atkinson were appointed a Committee on Finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers' names enrolled in table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association; none offered.

9th. Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations:

- (a) Abbott's Creek—No communication.
- (b) Baltimore—Minutes.
- (c) Black Creek—Minutes; Elder P. D. Gold visitor.
- (d) Country Line—Elder J. S. Dameron.
- (e) Delaware—Minutes.
- (f) Delaware River—Minutes.
- (g) Eno—Elder S. P. Terry.
- (h) Kehukee—Minutes; Elder A. Cartwright and brother W. H. Williams.
- (i) Little River—Minutes.
- (j) Mill Branch—No communication.
- (k) South Carolina—No communication.
- (l) Toisnot—Minutes.
- (m) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
- (n) White Oak—Minutes; Elders Isaac Jones, L. H. Hardy.
- (o) Warwick—Minutes.
- (p) New River—Minutes.

10th. Brother G. M. Hardy was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch, brother R. W. Atkinson to the South Carolina and brother J. R. Roberts to the White Oak Associations.

11th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Mewborn's Meeting House, in Greene county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m. and Elder J. R. Rowe to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. C. Pitt his alternate.

12th. Elders S. P. Terry, J. S. Dameron and I. Jones were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13th. The following brethren were appointed Messengers to

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sister Associations:

- (a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes; Elder J. R. Rowe.
- (b) Baltimore—Minutes.
- (c) Black Creek—Minutes; Elder J. W. Gardner, brethren R. W. Atkinson and B. W. Taylor.
- (d) Country Line—Minutes; Elders J. R. Rowe and T. B. Lancaster.
- (e) Delaware—Minutes.
- (f) Delaware River—Minutes.
- (g) Eno—Elders J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, J. R. Rowe, and brother L. J. H. Mewborn and Minutes.
- (h) Kehukee—Minutes; Elder J. R. Rowe and brother R. W. Atkinson.
- (i) Little River—Minutes; Elders J. R. Roberts and J. W. Gardner.
- (j) Mill Branch—Minutes; Elder J. R. Roberts.
- (k) New River—Minutes.
- (l) South Carolina—Minutes; Elder J. R. Roberts.
- (m) Toisnot—Brethren R. W. Atkinson, T. C. Hart and Minutes.
- (n) Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
- (o) Warwick—Minutes.
- (p) White Oak—Minutes; Elder J. R. Roberts.

14th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9:30 o'clock

SUNDAY MORNING, October 13th, 1889.

The services of the day were opened by Elder I. Jones with praise and prayer. Then Elder Terry preached from the x chapter and 10th verse of St. John, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy," &c. He was followed by Elder Jones from Isaiah vi chapter and latter clause of 1st verse, "And his train filled the temple." After an intermission of one hour preaching was resumed by Elder Dameron from the iv chapter and 18th verse of St. Luke, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." The preaching was all of love and in accordance with the pattern shown in the mount and to the praise of God, a good meeting where brotherly love flowed freely from breast to breast and we feel that many felt it was good for them that they were there to partake of the crumbs as they fell from the Master's table.

MONDAY MORNING, 9.30 o'clock, Oct. 14th, 1889.

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder I. Jones.

2nd. Elders Dameron and Gold were appointed to preach to-day. Elder Dameron opened and preached from St. Matthew xi chapter and 28th verse, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," followed by Elder Gold from xiii chapter and 20-21 verses of Hebrews, "Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant," &c.

3rd. The Committee on Finance made the following report: In the hands of the treasurer at the close of last session \$34.53; received from the churches this year \$35.00; total \$69.53. Paid for printing and postage last year's Minutes \$19.00; gave to the visiting brethren \$3.25; Clerk's compensation \$10.00; leaving in the hands of the treasurer at the close of this Association \$37.28; Report received and Committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were called, and those absent marked in table of churches.

5th. Letters to the Mill Branch, South Carolina and White Oak Associations were read, approved and forwarded.

6th. On motion, agreed that we publish the names of preachers and the times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th. Resolved, That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

8th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to her churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor; and if she have none, that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1,000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record, and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic will be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

12th. The church at Tyson's asked for a letter of dismission to join the Toisnot Association. Letter granted.

13th. The Association then adjourned by praise by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. R. Roberts.

JOHN W. GARDNER, Moderator.
L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk. G. M. HARDY, Ass't Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE & COUNTY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	RECEIVED.						Contributions.
			Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Died	
ry's Creek.....	Old Sparta, Edgecombe	Represented by Letter.....	1	2	2	2	2	2	\$1 00
r Creek.....	LaGrange, Lenoir.....	*B. I. Herring, A. Sutton.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	3 25
ver Dam.....	Pink Hill, Lenoir.....	Represented by Letter.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
iel.....	Grantsboro, Pamlico.....	J. A. Lupton, B. Scott, W. Potter.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	2 00
unt's Creek.....	Lydia, Beaufort.....	F.M. Edwards, R.A. Cratch, T.H. Warren.....	9	1	2	2	5	2 00	
ss Island.....	Roe, Carterett.....	J.L. Goodwin, W.R. Mason, J.W. Styron.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 50
ss Roads.....	Johnson Mills.....	C. E. Parkerson, *J. W. Dawson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 50
endship.....	Goldsboro, Wayne.....	J. R. Roberts, John Herring.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 50
loway.....	Black Jack, Pitt.....	*J.S. Corbitt, J.M. Corbitt, *G. M. Corbitt.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
seCr'k Isl'd.....	GooseCr'k Isl'd, Beauft.....	J. Swindell, A. Williamson, B. Carawan.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 00
eck's.....	Coxville, Pitt.....	N. T. Cox, *C. C. Bland.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
skin Chapel.....	Bonus, Jones.....	E. Haskin, J. K. Scott.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
lyborn's.....	Jason, Green.....	I. R. Baker, T.C. Hart, L.J.H. Mewborn.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	2 50
luna.....	Goldsboro, Wayne.....	T.B. Lancaster, J.W. Gardner, B.W.Taylor.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	2 50
l Bank.....	Greenville, Pitt.....	J. Hardie, F. Stocks, D. Stocks.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1 75
dy Bottom.....	Kinston, Lenoir.....	R. A. Johnson, I. Smith, A. D. Smith.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
dy Grove.....	Aurora, Beaufort.....	G. M. Hardy, J. R. Rowe, J. T. Rowe.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 00
vn Creek.....	Old Sparta, Edgecombe.....	*B.C.Pitt, *W.R.Telson, R.W Atkinson.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	2 00
on.....	Greenville, Pitt.....	J. O. Pollard, *N. Nichols.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1 50
	Toisnot, Wilson.....	Represented by Letter.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	2 50
			7	7	4	0	5	15 72 ⁵	\$35 00

Those absent marked *

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Postoffices.

C. BLAND, Coxille,	N. C.	B. C. PITTS, Old Sparta,
W. Brinsou, Grantsboro,	"	J. R. PARKER, Mount Olive,
SSE BROWN, Kinston,	"	J. R. ROBERTS, Goldsboro,
MES S. CORBITT, Black Jack,	"	J. R. ROWE, Aurora,
S. CORBITT, Black Jack,	"	I. J. TAYLOR, LaGrange,
W. GARDNER, Goldsboro,	"	J. A. WILLIAMS, Calico,
B. HARDIE, Greenville,	"	W. B. WILLIAMS, Toisnot,
N. Herring, Goldsboro,	"	W. R. WIGGINS, Toisnot,
M. JONES, Washington,	"	Henry Cooper (col.), Toisnot,
B. LANCASTER, Jason,	"	Jonah Williams (col.), Fremont,
PATE, Goldsboro,	"	"

Names of Licentiates in small letters; Ordained Ministers in small capitals.

Names of Pastors and Churches, and Times of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

R. Wiggins	Autry's Creek.....	1st Sunday in September
B. Lancaster.....	Bear Creek.....	1st Sunday in August
Bryant.....	Beaver Danu.....	4th Sunday in September
R. Rowe	Bethel.....	2nd Sunday in September
	Blount's Creek.....	Every 5th Sunday
R. Rowe	Cedar Island	3rd Sunday in August
	Cross Roads	4th Sunday in September
R. Parker	Friendship	4th Sunday in August
	Galloway's	1st Sunday in August
R. Rowe	Goose Creek Island	3rd Sunday in July
C. Bland	Hancock's	3rd Sunday in August
sse Brown.....	Haskin's Chapel.....	1st Sunday in September
W. Gardner	Mewborn's	2nd Sunday in September
Pate.....	Nahunta	3rd Sunday in September
A. Williams	Red Banks	2nd Sunday in September
sse Brown	Sandy Bottom.....	2nd Sunday in August
R. Rowe	Sandy Grove	1st Sunday in September
C. Pitt	Town Creek	2nd Sunday in August
S. Woodard	Tyson's.....	3rd Sunday in September
C. Pitt.....	Union	3rd Sunday in August

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

Names of Churches.	No. Minutes	Postoffices.	To Whom Sent in Care of.
Autry's Creek	21	Old Sparta, N. C.....	James W. Bridgers.
Bear Creek	19	" "	Wm. E. Hines.
Beaver Dam	22	Kinston, "	Elder Jesse Brown.
Bethel	40	Grantsboro, "	W. W. Brinson.
Blount's Creek	31	Giliad, "	T. H. Warren.
Cedar Island	51	Roe, "	J. L. Goodwin.
Cross Roads	11	Johnson's Mills, "	C. E. Parkerson.
Friendship	24	Goldsboro, "	L. N. Herring.
Galloway's	15	Black Jack, "	James S. Corbett.
Goose Creek Island	49	Goose Creek Isl'd, "	A. Williamson.
Hancock's	12	Coxville, "	Benjamin Smith.
Haskin's Chapel	7	Bonus, "	Elijah Haskins.
Mewborn's	27	Jason, "	L. J. H. Mewborn.
Nahunta	104	Goldsboro, "	Elder J. W. Gardner.
Red Banks	62	Greenville, "	John M. Smith.
Sandy Bottom	12	Kinston, "	A. D. Smith.
Sandy Grove	37	Aurora, "	G. M. Hardy.
Town Creek	70	Old Sparta, "	R. W. Atkinson.
Tyson	19	Greenville, "	J. O. Pollard.
Union	98	Toisnot, "	Jeremiah Whitehead
ASSOCIATIONS.			
Abbott's Creek	10	Martin's Mills, N. C.....	A. P. Leach.
Baltimore	8	Reistertown, Md.	Elder F. A. Chick.
Black Creek	15	Lucama, N. C.....	Elder J. D. Scott.
Country Line	15	Ruffin's Station, "	Elder J. S. Dameron.
Delaware	6	Newark, Del.	Elder Joseph Staton
Delaware River	6	Hopewell, N. J.	Eld. W. J. Purington
Eno	5	Durham, N. C.	G. C. Farthing.
Kehukee	40	Williamston, "	Elder S. Hassell.
Little River	20	Smithfield, "	Seth Woodall.
Mill Branch	8	Clarendon, "	Elder D. N. Gore.
New River	17	Floyd C. H., Va.	Elder P. G. Lester.
South Carolina	8	Bishopville, S. C.	John Brown.
Toisnot	10	Whitaker's, N. C.	Elder A. J. Moore.
Virginia Corresp'dg Meet	11	Titusville, Va.	Elder J. N. Badger.
Warwick	7	Middletown, N. Y.	Elder Wm. L. Beebe
White Oak	18	Newport, N. C.	Elder L. H. Hardy.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion amongst us and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, Viz.:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed:— their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to sell it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this Union who shall petition letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly they shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in its Association not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association. The best method of affecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to this Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed shall be regularly kept by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by the majority of the Union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power, 1st. To provide for the general union of churches. 2nd. To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches. 3rd. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4th. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to present themselves at any time in this Association. 5th To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association. 6th. To appoint any number of members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. 7th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. 8th. To admit any of the constant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

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ting, whom it shall judge necessary. 9th. The Association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient the churches in the Union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to the customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

Art. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tra or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of the decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be called by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to a subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

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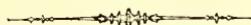
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Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

SANDY GROVE M. H., BEAUFORT CO., N. C.,

Commencing Saturday Before Second Sunday in October, 1892.



Landmark Steam Printing House,
Wilson, N. C.
1892.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8th, 1892.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John W. Gardner from John 15: 5.

2nd. The Messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Edgerton.

3rd. Elder John W. Gardner was chosen Moderator and brother L. J. H. Mewborn Clerk, who called to his assistance brother G. M. Hardy.

4th. Visiting brethren and Messengers were invited to seats.

5th. Appointed to preach in the afternoon Elders L. S. Ross and J. M. Harris. Elder Ross opened and preached from 1st Peter 1: 23-25. Elder Harris from last verse of the 4th chapter and first verse of the 5th chapter of Romans.

6th. Brethren W. B. Williams and B. D. Rowe were appointed a committee of finance and to distribute the Minutes to the churches.

7. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers names enrolled in the table of churches.

8th. Petitionary letters were called for to join this Association, none offered.

9h Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations :

(a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

(b) Baltimore—Minutes.

(c) Black Creek—Minutes and brother Pitman Messenger, Elders Scott and Edgerton visitors.

(d) Country Line—Minutes, Elder J. M. Harris Messenger.

(e) Delaware—Minutes.

(f) Delaware River. Minutes.

(g) Eno—Minutes, Elder S. P. Terry, Messenger.

(h) Kehukee—Minutes, Elder W. A. Ross Messenger, and Elders L. S. Ross, Everette and other brethren visitors.

(i) Little River—Minutes, Elders Coats, Adams and Peeden Messengers.

(j) Mayo—No communication.

(k) Mill Branch--Minutes,

(l) New River--Minutes.

(m) Toisnot--Elder D. A. Mewborn, no Minutes.

(n) Virginia Corresponding Meeting--No communication.

(o) Warwick--Minutes.

(o) White Oak--Minutes, Elder L. H. Hardy, berthren R. C. Houston, M. W. Brown Messengers. Elder B. H. Wooten and other brethren visitors.

10th. Brother J. T. Rowe was appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch and brother T. B. Lancaster to the White Oak Association.

11th. Appointed our next Association to be held at Galloway's Meeting House in Pitt county, N. C. Services to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1893 at 11 o'clock a. m. and that Elder B. C. Pitt preach the introductory sermon and Elder T. B.

Lancaster his alternate.

12th. Elders D. A. Mewborn, W. A. Ross, J. T. Edgerton and B. H. Wooten were appointed to preach on Sunday.

13th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations, also to send Minutes as heretofore:

- (a) Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
- (b) Baltimore—Minutes, Elder J. R. Rowe.
- (c) Black Creek--Minutes, Elder T. B. Lancaster and brother Hy. man Pate.
- (d) Country Line—Minutes, Elders J. R. Roe and J. W. Gardner.
- (e) Delaware—Minutes.
- (f) Delaware River—Minutes.
- (g) Eno—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams and J. A. Williams.
- (h) Kehukee—Minutes, Elder J. R. Ross and brother J. S. Leary.
- (i) Little River—Minutes, Elders W. B. Williams, T. B. Lancaster.
- (j) Mayo--Minutes.
- (k) Mill Branch--Minutes and letter.
- (l) New River--Minutes.
- (m) Toisnot--Minutes, brother J. E. Cobb.
- (n) Virginia Corresponding meeting--Minutes.
- (o) Warwick--Minutes.
- (p) White Oak--Minutes, Elder J. A. Williams and J. T. Rowe and brother W. W. Brinson and letter.

14th. On motion adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 9th, 1892.

The services of the day were opened by Elder D. A. Mewborn who preached from Mathew 1: 21, followed by Elder W. A. Ross from John 6: 68, 69. After a short intermission the brethren came together and services were resumed by Elder J. T. Edgerton from John 6: 39 40. Elder B. H. Wooten closed the services of the day from Eph. 4: 1-6. We feel it a meeting long to be remembered by all who participated in it. The congregation was good and well behaved and paid strict attention to the preaching.

MONDAY MORNING, October 10th, 1892

1st. The Association assembled and conference was opened with praise by Elder J. M. Harris.

2nd. Elders Coats and Terry were appointed to preach to-day, Elder Coats opened and preached from Psalms 25: 14, followed by Elder Terry from Romans 4: 25.

3rd. The committee on finance made the following report, In the hands of the Treasurer nothing. Received from the churches this year \$30.08, paid for printing minutes and postage \$19.00, gave to the ministering brethren \$1.08, Clerk's compensation \$10.00; report received and committee discharged.

4th. The names of Messengers were enrolled and those absent marked in the table of churches.

5th. Letters to the Mill Branch^{*} and White Oak Asssociations were read, approved and forwarded.

*The brother appointed to write the letter to the Mill Branch Association was not in the house at the time and did not get the notice of his

appointment, therefore he did not prepare one, the Association then appointed the Clerk to prepare one and forward it which he did.

6th. On motion agreed that we publish the names of preachers and times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

7th, Resolved, That the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to the Minutes.

8th. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word unless some church request his ordination as his pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as her pastor, and if she has none that she will actually choose him as such.

9th. Resolved, That our Clerk have 1,000 of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and be allowed ten dollars for his services.

10th. On motion the Clerk was appointed treasurer of the Association.

11th. On motion it was resolved by the Association that no kind of traffic will be allowed within one mile of said Association grounds during her session.

11th. On motion it was agreed that the obituaries of Elders S. Pate and W. S. Corbett be published and appended to the Minutes.

13th. On motion the letter and Messengers from the church at Friendship were not received.

14th. The Association then adjourned to time and place appointed with praise by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. R. Rowe.

JOHN W. GARDNER, Moderator.

L. J. H. MEWBORN, Clerk.

G. M. HARDY, Ass't Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Names of Churches.	No. Minutes	Post Offices.	To Whom Sent in Care of.
Autry's Creek.....	26	Old Sparta, N. C.....	J. W. Bridgers,
Bear Creek.....	22	Seven Springs, "	J. A. Whitfield
Beaver Dam.....	16	Kinston, "	A. Lee
Bethel.....	36	Reelsboro, "	W. W. Brinson
Blount's Creek.....	31	Giliad, "	T. H. Warren
Cedar Island.....	47	Roe, "	F. E. Harris
Cross Roads.....	9	Johnson Mills, "	C. E. Parkerson
Friendship.....			
Galloway's.....	12	Grimesland, "	J. S. Corbitt
Goose Creek Island.....	61	Goose Creek Island "	J. S. Leary
Hancocks.....	10	Ayden, "	Benj. Smith
Faskin's Chapel.....	9	Kinston, "	Jerry Waters
Mewborn's.....	27	Jason, "	L. J. H. Mewborn
Nahunta.....	109	Sulston, "	J. W. Gardner
Red Banks.....	60	Redalia, "	David Stocks
Sandy Bottom.....	13	Kinston, "	A. D. Smith
Sandy Grove.....	46	Aurora, "	G. M. Hardy
Town Creek.....	73	St. Lewis, "	J. E. Cobb
Union.....	93	Elm City, "	Jeremiah Whitehead

Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and their Postoffices

C. C. BLAND, Ayden,	N.C.	J. R. PARKER, Mount Olive,	"
*W. W. Brin.on, R'elsboro,	"	J. R. RO RTS, Goldsboro,	"
J. S. COR TT, Grimesland,	"	J. R. ROWE, Aurora,	"
J. W. GARDNER, Saulston,	"	E. C. SM TH, Beaufort,	"
J. B. HAT DIE, Greenville,	"	J. T. Rowe, Aurora,	"
*L. N. Herring Goldsboro,	"	I. J. TAYLOR, LaGrange,	"
*T. C. Hart, Jason,	"	J. A. WILLIAMS, Deep Run,	"
T. B. LANCASTER, Saulston,	"	W. B. WILLIAMS, Elm City,	"
B. C. Pitt, Old Sparta,	"	*Henry Cooper, (col.) Elm City,	"

Licentiates in small letters; Ordained Ministers in small capitals, Deceased*.

Distribution of Minutes to Associations with whom we Correspond.

Names of Associations.	No. of Minutes	Post Office and State.	To whom sent in care.
Abbott's Creek.....	10	Martin Mills, N. C.....	A. P. Leach
Baltimore.....	8	Reistersdorf, Md.....	Elder F A. Chick
Black Creek.....	15	Lucama, N. C.....	Elder J. D. Scott
Country Line	15	Ruffin Station, N. C.....	Elder J. S. Dameron
Delaware.....	6	Newark, Del.....	Elder W. J. Purington
Delaware River.....	6	Hopewell, N. J.....	G. C. Faithing
Eno.....	8	Durham, N. C.....	Elder S. Hassell
Kehuk: e.....	40	Williamston, N. C.....	Seth Woodall
Lit'e River.....	20	Smithfield, N. C.....	Eld. Mclemon Wright
Mill Branch.....	8	Haddock, N. C.....	Elder P. G. Lester
New River.....	17	Floyd Va.....	Elder A. J. Moore
Toisnot.....	7	Whitaker's, N. C.....	Elder J. N. Badger
Virginia Cor. Meeting..	11	Titusville, Va.....	Elder W. L. Beebe
Warwick.....	7	Middleton, N. Y.....	Elder L. H. Hardy
White Oak.....	20	Newport, N. C.....	J. W. Grigg
Mayo.....	10	Ridgeway, Va.....	

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Christ; being regularly baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate an union and communion among us, and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

ART. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, and who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this Constitution.

ART. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

ART. 4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, upon their petition by letter and messenger, and if found, upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. Each church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association not to exceed three of its members.

ART. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice

read, and if there be a majority for its being debated, shall be taken into consideration and debated, but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded, shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this Association, and the best way or method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association, and the money thus received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him, and pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

ART. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

ART. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time, by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15. The Association shall have power, First to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an Associational fund for any purpose strictly connected with this Association; sixth, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may deem necessary; seventh, to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association; ninth, to adjourn to meet at any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the Union.

ART. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

ART. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocates of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them; nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

ART. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

ART. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

ART. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

ART. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

ART. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or application than that of a brother.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, if so he violates the rules of the Decorum.

ART. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

OBITUARY.

I was appointed by the Association to write the obituary of my dear uncle, William S. Corbett. The subject of this notice was born October 18, 1829. His parents were Samuel and Susan Corbett. They were both Primitive Baptists. After he grew up to manhood he had a severe attack of rheumatism. After his recovery some time in 1858 he was married to Catharine Edwards who bore him six children, three boys and three girls, of which four survive. Some years after his marriage he was attacked with rheumatism again. He was very low for a long time and regarded by many as being at death's door. After a while his pain ceased to some degree, leaving his body and limbs drawn very badly. While on his bed of afflictions he said that the Lord was pleased to visit him. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit was so plain and accompanied with a voice, baptizing in the river of Jordan, which filled his heart and soul with so much of the glory and praise of God, that he called in his wife and children, asking them and his neighbors to engage in praise to God. He was then taken to Galloway's meeting house and offered for fellowship, and was received on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1868, and was baptized the following Sunday by Elder Noah Adams. Some years afterward he felt an impression to exercise his gift. The church granted him the authority. He began to speak in public for the relief of mind and comforting of the flock. He could manage to walk with his stick a mile distance at times, but had to be helped to and from his chair, where he would sit while speaking in public. When the church requested the ordination of the unworthy writer, the brother deacon said to me he had been impressed with the ordination of my uncle too, and ask me would I oppose and I told him no. He said if he couldn't break the bread and officiate in all the offices, he could give thanks, so the church agreed to have us both set apart, which took place March the 7th, 1866. He would go through heat and cold on his back in the cart, from five to twenty-five miles to speak of Jesus and his wonderful works. No tongue can tell his sufferings, no pen can picture his deformed image, but he loved to go and speak of Jesus. On April 13th, 1890 his dear companion was taken from him, who had been so attentive and careful with him and served faithfully even to the end. This seemed to bereave him so much that he stayed close around home until the Lord was pleased to call him from earth to enjoy the rest that remaineth to children of God. On December 25th, 1891, he breathed his last, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, leaving one daughter and two sons residing at his old home, one daughter married, to mourn their loss, besides relatives and friends. We mourn and yet rejoice to know he has ceased from pain and sorrow and death, and have hope to believe he is enjoying the presence of his Lord and master. May God be with all his children and save them according to his knowledge and purpose.

Written by his nephew.

JAMES S. CORBITT

By the request of the Contentnea Association at Sandy Grove meeting house, Beaufort County, N. C., Oct. 8, 1892.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.		
			Baptized.	Dism'd by letter.	Received by letter.
Autry's Creek,	Old Sparta,	J. W. Bridgers, Amos Crisp, W. R. Abrams,	3	1	26
Bear Creek,	LaGrange,	Alexander Sutton,	2	2	\$ 1.25
Beaver Dam,	Pink Hill,	By letter,	2	2	22
Bethel,	Grantsboro,	W. W. Brinson, H. A. Gaskin, W. Potter,*	1	1	16
Blount's Creek,	Panlico,	T. H. Warren, Ephram Adams, F. M. Edwards,	1	1	36
Cedar Island,	Giliad,	J. L. Codwin, W. R. Mason, T. L. Godwin,	2	1	200
Cross Roads,	Roe,	C. E. Parkerson,	1	1	31
Friendship,	Johnson's Mills,	Not received.	1	1	47
Galloway's,	Goldisboro,	J. S. Corbitt, J. M. Corbitt, G. M. Corbitt,*	1	1	200
Goose Creek Island,	Grimesland,	J. S. Leary, J. J. Swindall, A. E. Hopkins,	4	1	12
Hancock's.,	Goose creek Island,	Benja. Smith,* Noah Cox,	1	2	1
Haskin chapel.,	Coxville,	Elijah Haskin, J. A. Willmaris, Jerry Walters,	1	1	61
Mewborn's.,	Bonus,	P. H. Mewborn,* J. M. Mewborn, L. J. H. Mewb'n	1	1	200
Nahunta.,	Jason,	J. W. Gardner, T. B. Lancaster, B. W. Taylor,	4	3	109
Red Banks.,	Saulston,	David Stocks, Franklin Stocks, Jos. Hardee,	3	2	175
Sandy Bottom,	Kinston,	A. D. Smith, Ira Smith*,	1	1	13
Sandy Grove.,	Aurora.,	J. R. Bowe, G. M. Hardy, B. D. Rowe,	1	1	46
Town creek.,	Saint Lewis,	B. C. Pitt, J. E. Cobb, A. J. Hagins,	2	1	73
Union.,	Elm City.,	W. B. Williams, Jera. Whitehead, Amos Wilkins,	2	1	200

Contributions.

Fellowship.

Session or faith.

Deed on Con-

Died.

Restored.

Excluded.

Dis'd by letter.

Reed.

Resigned.

Retired.

Resigned.

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M I N U T E S
OF THE

COUNTRY LINE

Primitive Baptist Association,



HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Pleasant Grove, Caswell Co., N. C.,

AUGUST 16TH, 17TH AND 18TH, 1890.

W. W. DUNN, N. C.
Zion's Land Park Steam Print.

PROCEEDINGS.

1ST. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. R. Moore from Song of Solomon, 4: 16.

2ND. The Association convened and, after prayer by Elder W. A. Ross, proceeded to business.

3RD. Elder J. A. Burch was chosen Moderator.

4TH. Correspondents were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Kehukee—Elder W. A. Ross.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

From Pig River—Brother S. Minter.

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams.

From New River—Elder P. G. Lester.

From White Oak—Elders L. H. Hardy, messenger; B. H. Wooten, I. Jones, visitor.

From Contentnea—Elder J. R. Rowe.

From Staunton River—Brethren W. H. Wilson and R. A. Cox.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. D. Draughn.

From Mayo—Elder R. W. Dix and Brethren W. T. Comer, G. W. Carter, J. W. Griggs and S. Hopper, visitor.

From Mount Moriah—Elder J. T. Stewart.

From Eno—Elders S. P. Terry and T. Y. Monk, and Brethren G. C. Farthing, J. W. Garrett and W. A. Lee, visitors.

From Black Creek—Elder C. W. Willard and Brothers J. H. Burroughs and H. W. C.

5TH. Pidgeon Decree was read.

6TH. The letters from several churches were read and their standing examined in the statistical table.

7TH. Agreed to change the name of the church at Upper South Myeo, to Wheeler's.

8TH. Brethren E. L. Apple, B. B. McKinney and W. Smith, with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements, and Brethren C. J. Terry and W. B. Wright a Committee of Finance.

9TH. Elders J. R. Rowe and J. T. Stewart were appointed to preach in the afternoon to-day, Saturday.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

10TH. Elder P. D. Gold opened the morning services from 2nd Cor. 3: 17, 18. Elder P. G. Lester closed the morning services from Luke 24: 32. Elder L. H. Hardy opened the evening services from Mat. 11: 4, 5. Elder I. Jones closed the evening services from Rev. 14: 13.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

11TH. The Association met according to adjournment and after prayer by Elder J. T. Stewart proceeded to business.

12TH. Committees of Arrangements and Finance reported. Their report was received and they were discharged.

13TH. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations and Section Meetings generally attended and those who did not were excused.

14TH. Messengers were appointed to visit Sister Associations:

To Mayo—Elders D. R. Moore and J. A. Burch and Brother G. W. Carter.

To Kechukee—Elder D. R. Moore.

To Little River—Elder D. R. Moore.

To Contentnea—Elder J. A. Burch.

To Staunton River—Brethren T. R. Williams, T. F. Ward and J. W. Gilliam.

To White Oak—Elder J. A. Burch.

To Abbott's Creek—Elders J. A. Burch and F. L. Oakley.

To Eno—Elders J. A. Burch, James S. Dameron, F. L. Oakley, D. R. Moore and A. Blalock.

To Black Creek—Elder A. Blalock and R. H. Pruitt.

To Fisher's River—Brother T. R. Williams.

15TH. Agreed to send files of minutes to Upatoie, Pig River, Smith's River, New River, Mill Branch and Mountain Associations.

16TH. Elders A. Blalock, Jas. A. Burch, D. R. Moore were appointed to attend a Section Meeting at Arbor, commencing on Friday before 2nd Sunday, April, 1891, and Elders J. A. Burch, D. R. Moore and A. Blalock were appointed to attend another at Ebenezer, commencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in April, 1891.

17TH. The Circular Letter prepared by Brother Jas. S. Dameron was read and adopted.

18TH. Elder J. A. Burch was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

19TH. The Finance Committee reported:

Received from the Churches.....	\$25 95
Already in hands of Clerk.....	17 70
Total.....	\$43 65

EXPENDITURES.

Clerk's fee.....	\$10 00
For printing 1300 copies of these minutes....	16 00 26 00

Balance in hands of Clerk.....	\$17 65
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20TH. Our having given letters of dismission to five of our churches has caused a diminution of our total in fellowship.

21ST. Elders J. D. Draughn, W. A. Ross, J. T. Stewart preached to-day, Monday, after 9 o'clock.

22ND. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Surl, in Person county, N. C., about ten miles from Roxboro, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1891, and that Elder J. S. Dameron preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder A. Blalock, alternate.

JAS. A. BURCH, MODERATOR.

JAS. S. DAMERON, Clerk.

C. A. HOWARD, Ass't Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

A. Blalock,.....	Mount Tirzah, Person county, N. C.		
D. R. Moore,.....	Surl, Person	"	"
F. L. Oakley,.....	Anderson's Store, Caswell	"	"
Y. I. Chandler,.....	Fitch's Store, Caswell	"	"
J. M. Harris,.....	Reidsville, Rockingham	"	"
James S. Dameron,.....	Ruffin, Rockingham	"	"
James A. Burch,.....	Burlington, Alamance	"	"
J. C. Hudgins,.....	Stem, Granville	"	"
W. C. Jones,....,.....	Cane Creek, Chatham	"	"

LICENTIATES.

W. L. Walker,.....	Ashland, Caswell	"	"
B. B. McKinney,.....	Ashland, Caswell	"	"
M. H. Suit,.....	Stem, Granville	"	"

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Country Country Line Association last August enjoined it upon me to write a circular letter to be attached to our minutes this year, and I feel an impression to say something in reference to the dividing of churches and Associations. In religious matters and indeed in every vicissitude of life there seems to be among the people a restless spirit which wants continually to be making changes. To take one church and make two out of it is no gain in membership. Most of our churches are already weak and if we deplete them by granting letters to form others which are still weaker, we need not be surprised if all become too weak to stand alone. No congregation should undertake to form a new church till they feel able to take care of a Pastor. If they expect a preacher to serve them at his own charges they require him to do that which they themselves would not be willing to do. We should do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Our members now have better conveyances than our fore-fathers had, and yet they seem unwilling to travel as far as they did to fill their seats in church meetings. We cannot expect a church to be organized at every member's door.

Pastors often travel long distances to serve churches, and the members should be willing to share the hardships with them. Let all of us manifest more zeal for the truth. The Pastor feels greatly encouraged when he sees the members all present.

My observation in reference to the formation of new Associations is that when they sub-divide into so many small bodies, they right often get up difficulties among themselves and drop correspondence. We should guard against anything that tends to disturb the peace of Zion. I have neither the right nor the disposition to dictate to my brethren in these things. I merely allude to them by way of caution. We should all watch over each other for good and follow after the things that make for peace.

JAMES S. DAMERON.

Ruffin, N. C., July 9th, 1890.

CHURCHES AND POST OFFICES.

Arbor.....	Anderson's Store, N. C.
Big Meadow.....	Gravel Spring, "
Camp Creek.....	Mount Tirzah, "
Country Line.....	Fitch's Store, "
Deep Creek.....	Iola, "
Dan River.....	Mayfield, "
Ebenezer.....	Roxboro, "
Flat River.....	Surl, "
Gilliani's.....	Morton's Store, "
Harmony.....	Pleasant Grove, "
Lynch's Creek.....	Corbett, "
Lick Fork.....	Ruslin, "
Mout Zion.....	Red Banks, Va..
Moon's Creek.....	Purley, N. C.
Prospect Hill.....	Prospect Hill, "
Pleasant Grove.....	Ashland, "
Storie's Creek.....	Roxboro, "
Surl,.....	Surl, "
Tar River.....	Berea, "
Wheeler's.....	Gordonton, "
Wolf Island.....	Reidsville, "

 For messengers' names see statistical table.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.				
Arbor.....	*F. L. Oakley, *Y. I. Chandler, S. T. Simmons.	5	2	1	121 \$ 3 00
Big Meadow.....	*W. C. Jones, E. Buckner, J. F. Johnson.	6	1	1	22 1 05
Camp Creek.....	*A. Blalock, *†J. C. Hudgins, †Jos. Akin.	1			60 1 50
Country Line.....	*Y. I. Chandler.				13 40
Deep Creek.....	J. Brooks.				28 50
Dan River.....	J. H. Griffith, R. H. Pruitt, T. F. Ward.				23 1 00
Ebenezer.....	C. T. Hudgins, Willis Royster, †J. Boyd.	4	1	1	16 50
Flat River.....	*D. R. Moore, Jas D. Burnh, Jas. Davis.	14	2	10	70 2 55
Gilliam's.....	W. L. Brooks, W. T. Bowles, J. W. Gilliam.	2			15 1 25
Harmony.....	L. C. Murray, G. W. Brooks, †B. G. Ward.	2			75 1
Lynch's Creek.....	W. R. Hawkins	6	1	1	75 1
Lick Fork.....	C. J. Terry, W. B. Wright, C. A. Howard.	3			14 75
Mt. Zion.....	Not represented.				63 2 50
Moon's Creek.....	*J. S. Dameron, J. B. Cannon, J. W. Neal.				8 22 75
Prospect Hill.....	J. R. Hester, S. J. Hall, †D. L. Wells.	13			22 1 25
Pleasant Grove.....	E. L. Apple, W. H. Bramock, B. B. McKinney				49 1 50
Storie's Creek.....	J. H. Clayton, John O'Briant, *J. A. B. Walter.	5			30 1 25
Surl.....	D. R. Clayton, J. K. Duncan, †J. J. Lea.	10	5		29 1 00
Tar River.....	W. H. Gordon, †R. L. Newton, †L. D. Williford	1			35 75
Wheeler's.....	*J. A. Burch, E. S. Malone, W. A. Warren.	54	3	1	112 2 50
Wolf Island.....	G. W. Carter, J. H. Hall, T. R. Williams.				56 1 50
Note—Ordained ministers* Absentees† Total:	123	12	3	20	5 22
Finances.	\$25				95
Baptized.					
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M I N U T E S
OF THE
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Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Durham, Durham County, N. C.,

AUGUST 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1890.

WILSON, N. C.
Zion's Landmark Steam Print.
1890.

PROCEEDINGS.

1ST. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. Y. Monk, from Gal. 3: 29.

2ND. The Association convened, and after prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, proceeded to business.

3RD. Elder S. P. Terry was chosen Moderator.

4TH. The Rules of Decorum were read.

5TH. The letters from the several churches were read and their standing minuted in the statistical table. (See table.)

6TH. Correspondents were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Kehukee—Elders W. A. Ross and B. Greenwood, and Brethren Mc. Brantley and B. I. Allsbrook.

From Black Creek—Elders P. D. Gold and J. T. Egerton, and Brethren G. J. Yelverton, D. Scott, Jethro Howell, Phillip Howell and Isaac Smith:

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams and Brethren G. W. Johnson, J. K. Stewart, J. R. Young, J. P. Gulley, Wm. Hilliard and S. D. Coley.

From White Oak—Elders L. H. Hardy and B. H. Wooten, visitor.

From Contentnea—Elders J. W. Gardner, J. R. Rowe, W. B. Williams and J. R. Roberts.

From Country Line—Elders J. S. Dameron, J. A. Burch, W. C. Jones, and Brethren D. L. Walls, J. R. Hester and Henry Crumpton.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. D. Draughn.

From Mount Moriah, (Ala.)—Elder J. T. Stewart.

7TH. Brethren Hargis Farthing, J. M. Wood, J. M. Monk, with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements, and W. G. Vickers and A. L. Holden a Committee of Finance.

8TH. Elders P. D. Gold and J. W. Gardner were appointed to preach in the afternoon.

9TH. Cedar Grove Church presented a letter of dismissal from the Little River Association and was received into the Eno Association.

10TH. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

11TH. The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder J. A. Burch, proceeded to business.

12TH. The Committee of Arrangements report that Elders W. A. Ross and W. C. Jones preached Friday night, and Elders J. S. Dameron and J. F. Stewart to preach Saturday morning, and Elder B. H. Wooten and J. E. Adams to preach Saturday evening, and Elders W. B. Williams and J. A. Burch Saturday night, and Elders L. H. Hardy and J. R. Rowe Sunday a. m., and J. R. Roberts and J. T. Egerton Sunday, p. m., and Sunday night B. Greenwood and J. D. Draughn, and Brother Draughn being unwell Brother Albert Blalock was requested to preach and accepted.

13TH. The Finance Committee's report received.

14TH. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Associations generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

15TH. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations:

To Country Line—S. P. Terry, T. Y. Monk and G. C. Farthing.

To Abbotts Creek—W. G. Vickers.

To Little River—H. Farthing, C. P. Warren and T. Y. Monk.

To Kehukee—J. J. Whitfield, S. P. Terry and G. C. Farthing.

To Contentnea—S. P. Terry.

To White Oak—S. P. Terry and J. M. Monk.

To Black Creek—G. T. Powell, John Hall and J. M. Woods.

To Mayo—T. Y. Monk.

A motion prevailed that we correspond with the balance of Associations that are in corrrspondence with Country Line Association by minutes.

16TH. A motion prevailed that we have section meetings.

17TH. The Association agreed to hold a section meeting with Cedar Grove church commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in April, 1891. Elder S. P. Terry to preach the Introductory Sermon; T. Y. Monk his alternate.

18TH. Also agreed to hold one with Durham church, to begin Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1891, and Elder G. P. Powell preach the Introductory, and Elder S. P. Terry his alternate.

19TH. The Circular Letter prepared by brother Hargis Farthing was read and adopted and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

20TH. The Clerk was instructed to invest the amount received from churches for minutes.

21ST. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Mt. Lebanon, about 11 miles North of Durham, in Durham county, N. C.; commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1891, and that Elder G. B. Powell preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder S. P. Terry his alternate.

22ND. Brother A. L. Holden was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

23RD. We, the Eno Association, forbid every species of traffic and all other disorder within legal bounds of our Association during the entire meeting, and offenders may expect to be prosecuted to the extent of the laws of North Carolina.

24TH. This Association tenders their sincere thanks to Captain E. J. Parrish for the use of his warehouse and to the community for their hospitality and to the civil officers for their vigilance in keeping such good order.

S. P. TERRY, MODERATOR.

G. C. FARTHING, Clerk.

W. G. VICKERS, Ass't Clerk.



CIRCULAR LETTER.

VERY DEAR AND BELOVED BRETHREN:— For the first time we have met together in an associated capacity, and O! may the God of all grace, love, truth and mercy be with us all as our Great Moderator to guide and direct us in the good old way which our fathers have marked out or set for us to follow; for they have been tried and always found to work well. Never let us depart from the old landmarks which our fathers have set. Just as sure as we do just so sure will we get into trouble.

My dearly beloved Brethren, I have been blessed with the privilege of meeting with you all once more this side of the grave, and very likely the last time. I've been spared to see my 75th year and have been a poor, sinful and rebellious worm of the dust all the days of my life, and instead of getting better I can see more and more of my sinfulness and imperfections which cause me to exclaim: O! wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I often feel that if my Brethren did only but know what a poor, miserable, sinful wretch I am, they couldn't fellowship me, for I cannot fellowship my sinful flesh, for the things I would I do not, and the things I would not I do. I often feel that I have caught the shadow and missed the substance, and that I shall yet fall by the hands of Saul. But if we suffer no chastisements then are we bastards and not sons. I believe the christian has to be tried in the furnace of affliction so that he may come forth as gold.

Brethren, I feel that it is all right for us, to keep us low in dust and ashes, lest we should be exalted. It is the Lord that can build up, and the Lord can tear down. I believe

beyond a doubt he will do justice to all, and that he will be as much justified in the destruction as in the salvation of souls. Just and holy are all thy ways, O Lord God Almighty. There seems, in this day and time, to be too many, as we might say, helps of the Lord to do his work, and to hasten his work. God's works are ever going on. Neither can the puny arm of mortal man hasten or stop his work. He will do all his pleasure in heaven and on earth, his footstool. Brethren, I know there has been a change in me, whether I am right or wrong. As the world by nature believe they can do something to justify themselves before God they fly to the law to justify themselves by the deeds of the law when it says, by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight. Again, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them. There never has been but one and that was Christ Jesus the Lord that did fulfill the requirements of the law. That was opened up to my view while I was in deep trouble and distress concerning my lost and ruined condition; for I firmly believed I had committed the unpardonable sin, and would slip my bible and go off to the woods, or some secret place, to search or find out what the unpardonable sin is, nor could I receive any satisfaction; and the verses above named were presented to my mind and seemed to deprive me of all my works or doing powers. Then I saw there was no mortal being that could fulfill the law. It seemed that all my props, as it were, had been knocked from under me, and was brought to see and feel that there was nothing that I could do to justify me in the sight of God. I could not see how God could be just and save such a hell-deserving sinner as I was. Mine was an outside case, beyond all others.

I must stop as this looks so much like I feel that I am almost tempted to commit it to the flames, as it is so full of imperfections, blunders and mistakes, so that I cannot blame you for rejecting or throwing it aside.

Now my dear Brethren, I admonish you in the name

of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to stand fast in the doctrine of the prophets and apostles, and of our ancient Primitive Brethren who long since have fallen asleep in Jesus Christ, and yet they live and their advice and admonition we should remember and try to follow and not depart from for any man or men-made institutions, gotten up to draw away some disciples after them. My dear beloved Brethren, I have been spared lo! these many years and I have seen for may years that we were in many instances departing from the old landmarks which have caused sadness and trouble with me, yet I believe the Lord will work all things for good to them that love God, whether I am of that number or not.

Now may the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with us and all the Israel of God in this world and that to come, is my prayer for Christ's sake, Amen.

HARGIS FARTHING.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	POST OFFICES.	Fellowship	Finance.
Durham.....	J. J. Hall, J. J. Whitfield, A. B. Williams,	Durham, N. C.....	36	1 75
Dutchville..	James Beck, Lum Wheeler, W. T. Suit,	Dutchville, N. C....	35	1 00
Eno.	Wm. Farthing, J. M. Woods, J. S. Proctor,	Durham, N. C.....	77	1 25
Mount Lebanon	J. M. Monk, W. J. Bacon, A. L. Holden,	So. Lowell, N. C....	67	1 00
Cedar Grove.....	G. T. Powell, J. B. Lowry,	Pernell, N. C.....	20	2 00
Total.....			235	7 00

MINUTES
—OF THE—
FISHER'S RIVER
Primitive Baptist Association,

« CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH »

AT FISHER'S RIVER M. H.

« FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 1891. »



Also Minutes of the Same Association Convened with the
Deep Creek Church

AT HOLLY SPRING M. H.

« FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 1891. »

1891 :
REPUBLICAN STEAM PRINT.
WINSTON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS :

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Wyatt from Acts 15th Chapter 29th Verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in order and after Praise and Prayer by Elder J. D. Draughn, letters were received and read from the different Churches and their messengers names enrolled as follows :

Flower Gap.—C. Blackburn, J. H. McCraw..

State Road.—J. M. Wyatt.

Rock House.—A. Cox, A. R. Jones.

Hogan's Creek.—J. A. Wall.

Ararat.—(Not represented.)

Zion Hill —Received by letter from the Mountain Association. Wm. Golding, Messenger.

Union.—M. G. Harbour, G. O. Key, W. H. Atkinson.

Liberty.—J. W. Jones, R. T. Pilson, L. B. Alberty.

Stuart's Creek.—J. D. Draughn, H. C. Booker, J. Jackson.

Tom's Creek.—H. Cain, J. Moran.

Deep Creek.—J. W. Angel.

Round Peak.—M. Calaway.

Volunteer.—J. W. Moore, T. R. Sams.

Fisher's River.—G. W. Jones.

Elk Spur.—A. Gardner, W. A. Hawks.

Fisher's Gap.—A. Galyen, T. Galyen.

Cody's Creek.—N. Alberty, (no letter.)

Rock Spring.—A. C. Woodruff, (visitor without letter.)

Then called for Correspondents. Elder W. P. Goings from the Mountain Association gave evidence of his appointment, and Brother Wm. McCraw from New River, (visitor) were invited and seated in council.

Then appointed Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator and Elder G. O. Key, Clerk.

Then appointed Elders J. M. Wyatt, J. D. Draughn and Brother H. C. Booker with the Moderator and Clerk a committee of arrangements.

Then appointed Edlers W. P. Goings, M. G. Harbour and J. Moran to Preach on Saturday, and Elders G. O. Key, J. M. Wyatt and J. D. Draughn to preach on Sunday.

Then agreed to meet to-morrow at nine o'clock and that preaching commenec each day at the stand at 10 o'clock.

Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, 25TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by Elder H. Cain. Called for the bill of arrangements which was received and the committee discharged.

The business was then disposed of as follows :

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Ararat Church to report, who reported that they attended and set apart Brethren J. A. Asliburn and Wm. M. Stone to the work of the Gospel Ministry and that Brother R. R. Key was not present on account of a broken leg. This report was received and the appointment of the same Presbytery continued for the examination of said Brother Key.

3rd. Then the Presbytery appointed to visit White Oak Spring Church reported that they attended and granted letters of dismission to the ten members. Five went to Stuart's Creek, and five to Toin's Creek Churches.

4th. In answer to query from Hogan's Creek Church, we advise the Churches to send up their usual amount of contributions.

5th. Appointed Elder M. G. Harbour to prepare an obituary of Brother J. G. Jones, deceased, to be annexed to our Minutes.

6th. We advise all the Churches of our Association to deal strictly with all members, and exclude any that continues to indulge in any violation of the law by Blockading or otherwise.

7th. We offer our thanks to this community for their kindness during this Association.

Then Adjourned.

G. O. KEY, CLERK.

M. G. HARBOUR, MODERATOR.

PREACHING.

Saturday, 1st, Elder W. P. Goings, Text, St. John 1st chapter, 14th verse.

2nd. Elder J. Moran, Text 1st Corinthians, 20th Chapter. 3rd Verse.

3rd. Elder M. G. Harbour, Text, Song of Solomon, 2nd Chapter, 10th Verse.

Sunday 1st. Elder J. M. Wyatt, Text, 1st Timothy, 1st Chapter, 8th and 9th Verses.

2nd. Elder G. O. Key, Text, Matthew 12th Chapter, 29th Verse.

3rd. Elder J. D. Draughn, Text, Isaiah 55th Chapter, 12th Verse.

G. O. KEY, CLERK.

MINUTES OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION CONVENED
WITH DEEP CREEK CHURCH AT HOLLY SPRINGS

M. H. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 1891.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder P. W. Williard from Matthew 25th Chapter, 6th Verse.

After intermission the messengers assembled in order and after Praise and Prayer by Elder F. R. Bransecomb, letters from the churches were received and their reports minuted as follows :

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Experience.	Rec'd by Letter.	Contributions.			
				Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.
Liberty.....	J. W. Jones, R. T. Pilson						21 1.00
Round Peak..	J. B. Norman, W. D. Vaughn.....	1			1 23	.75	
Rock Springs.	A. C. Woodruff, M. Wilbourn.....				1 10	1.00	
Franklin.....	C ^o W. York, R. H. Riggan.....				.46	1.00	
Ararat.....	G. Denny, W. M. Stone, A. M. Denny	2			1 66	.30	
Vouunteer.....	H. D. Mickey, P. H. Tilley	2					.35 1.15
Stuart's Creek	J. R. Jones.....	1	6	1	2		.81 2.05
State Road....	J. M. Wyatt, B. F. Absher.....	2	1				2 46 1.25
Tom's Creek..	J. Moran, J. W. Love.....	1					.24 2.46 .80
Fisher's Gap..	J. Willey.....		2 3	5	3	1	.42 1.00
Mulberry.....	A. F. Dodson, R. P. Phillips, S. B. Jones	1	1	1			.32 1.10
Cody's Creek..	A. Marion.....						.2 16 .50
Union.....	A. M. Denny, W. H. Atkfnson, J. O. Key			1	1	1 49	1.60
Elk Spur.....	A. Gardner, J. J. Ayers.....	2					.34 .75
Fisher's River	J. M. Gorden, G. W. Jones.....	2	1				1 12 1.10
Flower Gap...	C. Blackburn, O. Hawks.....	1		2	1		.56 2.00
Hogan's Cre-k	J. A. Wall, F. Ried, W. F. Whitaker...	2			1		.38 .70
Deep Creek....	J. M. Jones, F. M. Lakey, D. M. Fletcher	1					.28 1.45
Zion Hill.....	Letter but no Messengers.....	1			1	1	.21 1.00
Rock House...	J. R. Jones, (no letter) .....						.50

A letter was then received showing that Mulberry Church had been duly dismissed from the Mountain Association, and

also a letter from said church asking admission into this Association, which was received and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to their messengers, and they were seated as a part of this body.

Then called for correspondents when the following brethren reported: From Abbott's Creek, Elder P. W. Williard and Brethren N. B. Orrell and W. W. Pickard.

From Smith's River, Elder J. E. Marshal,

From New River, Elder F. P. Branscomb.

From the Mountain, Elder P. K. Robberts.

From Roaring River Elder Wm. Hall and Brother T. M. Joins, with a letter and also a file of their Minutes. All were received and seated in council with us.

Then appointed Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator and Elder A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then appointed Elders Williard, Wyatt, and Robberts to preach on Saturday, and Elders Marshal, Branscomb and Hall to preach on Sunday.

Then appointed Elders J. M. Wyatt, G. O. Key and G. Denny with the Moderator and Clerk a committee of arrangements.

Then appointed Brethren J. M. Jones and Osburn Hawks a committee of finance.

Resolved that we meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that preaching commence each day at 10 o'clock.

Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, 24TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after Praise and Prayer by Brother N. B. Orrell, proceeded to call for the bill of arrangements which was read and received and the committee discharged, and the items of business taken up and disposed of as follows:

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Read the constitution and rules of decorum.

3rd. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Ararat Church to report, who reported that they attended on Wednesday after 1st Sunday in August 1891, and examined Brother R. R. Key and set him apart to the ordinances of the Gospel Ministry.

4th. Call for the obituary of Brother J. G. Jones, and also

for the circular letter, both of which were received and ordered to be annexed to our minutes.

5th. Appointed Elder A. M. Denny to prepare a circular letter by our next Fall Association.

6th. Called upon correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report who reported that some of them attended and those who did not were excused.

7th. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To Abbott's Creek, Elders A. Gardner, C. Blackburn and Brother F. M. Lakey.

To Mayo, Elders C. Blackburn, John Moran, W. H. Atkinson and Brother G. W. Jones.

To Smith's River, Elders M. G. Harbour, G. O. Key, W. H. Atkinson.

To New River, Elders W. H. Atkinson, J. Moran, J. M. Wyatt.

To the Mountain, Elders G. O. Key, C. Blackburn and Brother J. R. Jones.

To Center, Elders J. M. Wyatt, A. C. Woodruff and Brother B. F. Absher.

To Roaring River, Elders J. Willey, J. M. Wyatt, W. H. Atkinson and Brother C. W. York.

To Country Line, Mill Branch, White Oak, Keelukee and Little River we send a file of our Minutes.

8th. Whereas it is manifest to us by a letter received from Elder J. D. Draughn and other testimony showing that he has pursued a disorderly course by affiliating with the Baptist Valley Association in West Virginia, which is as we are informed and believe a body in disorder;

We, therefore, as a body declare that we do not allow nor endorse such a course at home nor abroad and we as an advisory council admonish Stuart's Creek Church to look well after his conduct and bring him to order and report the same to our next Association, and that we send a copy of this action to the Landmark for publication.

9th. Called upon the committee of Finance to report who reported that they received from the churches at this time,..... \$20.95

The Clerk reports a remainder from last year..... 19.15

Making a total fund of..... \$40.10

10th. Query : What is the duty of a deacon and what are they ordained unto ? Answer : To take the care of the Church in the absence of a minister and look after the needs of their pastor and the poor of the church.

11th. We add to the 5th article of our last Spring minutes as follows : We ask all our corresponding brethren to labor with us in their Associations to the same end.

12th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Zion Hill, 9 miles west of Mt. Airy and about 10 or 12 miles North of Dobson, Surry county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April 1892, and that our next Fall Association be held with the Church at Tom's Creek, near Westfield, Surry county N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1892.

13th. Agreed that the clerk have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as usual and that he have \$10 for his services.

14th. We offer a resolution of thanks to the brethren and friends of this community for their kindness during this Association.

Then adjourned.

A. M. DENNY, CLERK.

M. G. HARBOUR, MODERATOR.

PREACHING.

Saturday 1st, Elder J. M. Wyatt, Text, 2nd Timothy, 1st Chapter, 8th and 9th Verses.

2nd. Elder P. K. Robberts, Text, Revelations, 28th Chapter, 1st and 2nd Verses.

3rd. Elder P. W. Williard, Text, Matthew 11th chapter, 7th Verse.

Sunday. 1st, Elder J. E .Marshal, Text, "These Words Spake Jesus and Lifted Up His Eyes," &c.

2nd. Elder F. P. Branscomb, Text, Romans 6th Chapter, 23rd Verse.

3rd. Elder Wm. Hall, Text, Revelations 22nd Chapter 1st Verse.

A. M. DENNY, CLERK.

❖ OBITUARY. ❖

John G. Jones was born in Patrick county, Va., on the 19th day of April 1824. He was the son of Elder John Jones, who about the year 1830 moved to Surry county, N. C. where the subject of this notice was raised to manhood, and on the 4th day of December 1845 he was married to Miss Maletha M. Davis. She bore him 12 children, seven of whom belong to the Primitive Baptist Church.

He lived with the wife of his youth with much and affectionate attachments until the 29th day of February, 1884 when death took from him his dear companion, leaving him and his children with many others to mourn their loss, but on the 26th day of August 1884, he married Miss Nancy M. Lawrence who was also a devoted and true companion with whom he spent the remainder of his days. He professed a hope in Christ in early life but did not attach himself to the Church until on the ingathering of the arm of Hogan's Creek at Union he joined on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in February 1888, and at the constitution of the Church was chosen and ordained to the office of Deacon, which he filled with faithfulness and ability till his death. He was a man of good morals, a kind husband and father. His house was well furnished and a welcome home for his brethren and many friends as well as strangers.

His death was caused by Hernia and took place on the 23rd day of January 1891. His sufferings during his sickness was very great, while he bore with much patience, manifesting his faith in Christ to his last hours. Thus another precious jewel is gone from our midst. His companion and children, the church and many other dear friends mourn their loss. But God has seen fit to take him from this troublesome world to himself where he is free from all the storms and trials of this suffering world where the wicked cease to trouble and the weary are at rest. There to join with the redeemed number that have gone before around the throne of God in praising the one triune God in a world that shall never end.

We extend our sympathy to Sister Jones and at her request add the following verse :

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still ;
But they have left an aching void,
The world can never fill.

M. G. HARBOUR.

✖ CIRCULAR LETTER. ✖

DEAR BRETHREN :—Being appointed to write a letter to annex to our minutes I proceed to the task trusting with a prayerful heart that God may sanctify the honor to His holy name and the well being of His church.

Brethren my hearts desire and prayer to God for Isreal is that they might be saved. Romans the 10th and 15th Verses.

The apostle bears them record that they have a zeal of God but not according to knowledge.

The apostle assigns the reason why this was the case, they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness. Wherefore, because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law which was not intended to give life, but only to govern us in precept and example while under the law. The man that doeth these things shall live by them, sin being a transgression of the law and when sin is finished it brings forth death then the law knows no mercy and Mount Sinai cries this mountain is no hiding place. Then the apostle affirms that the commandment which was ordained unto life he found to be unto death, when the law came sin revived and I died, manifesting the penalty of all unrighteousness to the honor and glory of God. The law being spiritual thus he said I am carnal sold unto sin. Then the carnal mind is enmity against God, not subject to his law; to be carnally minded is death.

Now brethren this same apostle tells the whole house of Israel how he was delivered from the binding influence of the law of sin and death. He says the law of the spirit of life in Christ, hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Then brethren when dwelling in the region and shadow of death light is come for out of Zion the perfection of beauty God hath shined unto our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ and this is life eternal that they might know God and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, thence no more under the law but now under grace, for grace reigned to eternal life through Christ to every one that believe to the Jew first and also to the Greek and all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call, for in that day the great trumpet shall be blown and they that are ready to perish shall come and shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

So brethren let us reckon ourselves dead indeed into sin and alive unto God, for our lives are hid with Christ in God and when Christ who is our lives shall appear then we shall appear with him in glory. So brethren let us glorify God in spirit and in body in precept and in example while we live, for they that sow to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Brethren let us avoid every appearance of evil, give the adversary no room to speak reproachful of us.

In conclusion I hope to meet all the redeemed family of God in ultimate glory there to adore his praise forever, where congregations never break up and Sabbaths never end.

GABRIEL DENNY.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

NAME	POST OFFICE	STATE
M. G. Harbour, -	Copeland, Surry County,	N. C.
Nathan Alberty, -	Rask, "	"
T. J. Lawson, -	Edwardsville, "	"
J. D. Draughn, -	White Plains "	"
Gabriel Denny, -	Pilot Mount'n "	"
C. B. Denny, -	" " "	"
Wm. M. Stone, -	" " "	"
A. M. Denny, -	Stony Ridge, "	"
*Henry Shore, -	Charity, "	"
Henderson Cain, -	Westfield, "	"
John Willey, -	Low Gap, "	"
*C. J. Draughn, -	White Plains, "	"
*Hugh Creed, -	Low Gap, "	"
Wm. H. Atkinson, -	Ash Hill, "	"
*G. W. Jones, -	White Plains, "	"
*T. P. Nixon, -	Kapp's Mills, "	"
G. O. Key, -	Ash Hill, "	"
R. R. Key, -	" " "	"
J. A. Ashburn, -	Bliss, "	"
A. C. Woodruff, -	Boonville, Yadkin "	"
John Moran, -	Big Creek, Stokes "	"
Alexander Moran, -	Danbury, "	"
J. M. Wyatt, -	State Road, Surry "	"
*B. F. Absher, -	Austin, Wilkes "	"
*S. C. Jones, -	Winston, Forsyth "	"
C. Blackburn, -	Aaron, Carrol "	Va.
A. Gardner, -	Fancy Gap, "	"

Licentiates marked thus*

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OF THE

127TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

KEHUKEE

Primitive Baptist Association,

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CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

CONOETO, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing Saturday Before the First Sunday in October, 1892.



Landmark Steam Printing House,
Wilson, N. C.
1892.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. T. Lawrence, from 1st Epistle of Paul to Timothy, 1st chapter, 5 and 6 verses.

After a short intermission the Association organized by appointing Elder S. Hassell, Moderator, and M. T. Lawrence Clerk, S. W. Outerbridge and Wm. Slade, Assistant Clerks.

Visiting ministers and brethren from sister Associations were invited to seats.

The following committees were appointed;

On arrangements of preaching, the Moderator and Clerk and brethren, D. W. Cobb, and W. N. Mayo.

On finance and distribution of Minutes, brethren B. I. Alsbrook and McBrantley.

Elders J. M. Harris and J. T. Coats preached at the stand to-day.

Letters from thirty-seven churches were read and names of Messengers and standing of churches enrolled in table of churches.

Called for correspondence, when the following were received;

White Oak—Elders L. H. Hardy, B. H. Wooten and N. M. White. Minutes.

Contentnea—Elders B. C. Pitt and J. W. Gardner, and brethren T. C. Hart, R. E. Adams, J. W. Dawson and Minutes.

Country Line—Elder J. M. Harris and brother J. W. Gilliam.

Black Creek—Elders P. D. Gold, J. F. Farmer and brothers S. D. Boykin and W. M. Boykin.

Little River—Elders J. E. Adams, J. T. Coats and H. J. Turlington, and W. J. Stevenson.

Toisnot—Elders A. J. Moore, D. A. Mewborn and brethren M. Horton and G. T. Daniel.

Eno—Brother G. C. Farthing and Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Mountain District—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Upatoie—Minutes.

New River.—Minutes.

Corresponding Virginia—Minutes.

Abbott's Creek Union—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Salisbury—Minutes.

Delaware—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Oemulgee—Minutes.

Staunton River.—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Elder Samuel Moore was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these Minutes.

Petitionary letters called for, when a church by the name of Salem, in Nash county, asked to be received. Messengers I. W. Bass and J. H. Green. Number in fellowship five. Fourth Sunday. Fifty cents paid.

Resolved that our next Association be held with the church at Flatty Creek, and that Elder S. Hassell preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder M. T. Lawrence be his Alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock a. m. Adjourned to 9 a. m., Monday. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY, October 2nd, 1892.

Elder A. J. Moore introduced the services of the day and preached from 10th chapter of John, 14, 15 and 16 verses: "I am the good shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Elder A. N. Hall followed and preached from the 22nd chapter, 29th verse of Jere.: "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

After a recess of an hour Elder L. H. Hardy continued the services and preached from 20th chapter Matthew, 28th verse: "Even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life a ransom for many."

The preaching was of the apostolic order and in demonstration of the spirit and of power, and was listened to with marked attention. May it bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of the God of Israel.

MONDAY, October 3rd, 1892.

The Association assembled and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder D. A. Mewborn and proceeded to business.

The names of messengers were called over and those absent marked in table of churches.

Elders P. D. Gold and J. W. Gardner preached at the stand to-day.

The corresponding letter was called for and read and ordered to be attached to these Minutes.

The committee on finance reported as follows:

In hand of Treasurer at last Association,	.....	\$49.90
Paid for printing Minutes and postage,	.....	\$34.25
Clerks' fees,	.....	15.00
		—
Balance in hand of Treasurer,	.....	.65
Received from the churches this year,	.....	52.90
		—
In hands of Treasurer,	.....	\$53.55

Report received and committee discharged.

The following brethren were appointed Messengers to sister Associations:

To Country Line—To be held at Storie's Creek, Person county, N. C., Elders W. A. Ross, S. Hassell and G. D. Robinson.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Contentnea—Elder W. A. Ross.

White Oak—Elders G. D. Robinson and W. B. Strickland.

Black Creek—Elder W. A. Ross.

Toisnot—Elders W. A. Ross, S. Hassell and B. Greenwood, and brethren Outerbridge and Bass.

Abbott's Creek, seven miles from Ashboro, N. C.—Elders W. A. Ross

and S. Hassell.

Little River—Elders M. T. Lawrence and W. A. Ross.

Eno—Elder W. A. Bass.

Resolved that we correspond by Minutes with the following Association: Delaware River, Delaware, Virginia Corresponding, Chemung, Mountain District, Warwick, Salisbury, Mill Branch, Fisher's River, Upatoie, Ocmulgee, Mayo, Etcheconnee, Primitive Ebenezer, Centre District and New River.

The committee appointed to investigate the condition of the church at Beaver Dam called on to report.

The committee appointed to investigate the condition of the church at Bethlehem, Pasquotank county, N. C., called on to report.

From the best information the church at Beaver Dam has become extinct and no property to be found belonging to said church.

Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the church at Bethlehem, Pasquotank, reported that there were only six members.

The report of the committees received and they discharged.

Resolved that Elder L. S. Ross be appointed to write a biography of Elder Albert Cartwright, to be attached to the Minutes.

Resolved that the list of the churches of our Association with which the Association has been held since its organization be attached to the Minutes.

Resolved that we return thanks to God and the brethren and sisters in this vicinity for the liberal hospitality shown us in the entertainment of this Association.

Resolved that this Association discountenances, forbids and condemns all kind of tradeing and misbehaviour on or around the Association ground, and will in the future punish the same to the full extent of the law.

Resolved that our Clerk have two thousand five hundred copies of the Minutes printed and distributed to the churches as heretofore and record one copy on our records, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

The Association then adjourned to the time and place appointed.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk

S. W. OUTERBRIDGE, WILLIAM SLADE, Ass't Clerks.

The follow brethren agreed to preach for the church at South Quay. this year.

Elder J. W. Johnson,.....in November.

Elder B. Greenwood,.....in December.

Elder W. B. Strickland,.....in January.

Elder J. D. Armstrong,.....in February.

Elder J. E. Adams,.....in March.

Elder S. Moore,.....in April.

Elder L. E. Everett,.....in May.

Elder M. T. Lawrence,.....in June.

Elder S. Hassell,.....in July.

Elder J. D. Roberson,.....in August.

Elder W. F. Staton,.....in September.

Names of Ministers and Their Post-Office Address.

J. I. Ambrose,.....	Cresswell,	N. C.
J. D. Armstrong,.....	Rocky Mount,	"
A. J. Austin,.....	Powell's Point,	"
W. E. Bellamy,.....	Enfield,	"
Stephen Biggs,.....	Creswell,	"

David Carter,.....	Pungo River,	"
*C. G. Dowdy,.....	Harbinger,	"
*W. E. Green,.....	Rocky Mount,	"
B. Greenwood,.....	Wilson,	"
N. H. Harrison,.....	Plymouth,	"
Sylvester Hassell,.....	Williamston,	"
David House,.....	Greenville,	"
E. T. Hudson,.....	Swan Quarter,	"
J. W. Johnson,.....	Tarboro,	"
*Lawrence Johnson,.....	Tarboro,	"
James H. Latham,.....	Acresville,	"
M. T. Lawrence,.....	Hamilton,	"
Charles Meads,.....	Weeksville,	"
*John S. Meads,.....	Weeksville,	"
Samuel Moore,.....	Bethel,	"
*Jas. E. Moore,.....	Williamston,	"
Henry Peal,.....	Williamston,	"
Wm. A. Ross,.....	Greenville,	"
Jno. L. Ross,.....	Stokes,	"
L. S. Ross,.....	Swan Quarter,	"
Geo. D. Roberson,.....	Robersonville,	"
Levi Rogerson,.....	Williamston,	"
J. N. Rogerson,.....	Williamston,	"
W. F. Staton,.....	Scotland Neck,	"
W. B. Strickland,.....	Scotland Neck,	"
D. W. Topping,.....	Pantego,	"
*M. D. Twiford,.....	East Lake,	"
L. E. Everett,.....	Washington,	"

Licentiates marked *

Names of Churches, Clerks and their Post-Offices.

Bear Grass,.....	W. L. Baily,.....	Williamston,	N. C.
Bethlehem, (Tyrrell).....	Ellsbury Sexton,.....	Columbia,	"
Bethlehem, (Pasquotank).....	Elder Charles Meads,.....	Weeksville,	"
Beaulah,.....	J. W. Lupton,.....	Sladeville,	"
Briery Swamp,.....	W. H. Williams,.....	Oakley,	"
Concord,.....	Woodson Ambrose,.....	Creswell,	"
Conoho,.....	N. K. Pippen,.....	Conoho,	"
Conoeta,.....	W. H. Andrews,.....	Conoeta,	"
Coinjock,.....	Pierce Hampton,	Coinjock Bridge,	"
Cross Roads,.....	N. M. Worsely,.....	Conoho,	"
Cypress Grove,.....	B. K. Davis,.....	Leachville,	"
Deep Creek.....	J. L. Whitehead,.....	Scotland Neck,	"
Elim,.....	C. C. Aydlette,.....	Harbinger,	"
Falls Tar River,.....	M. B. Williford,.....	Rocky Mount,	"
Flat Swamp,.....	J. A. Robinson,.....	Robersonville,	"
Flatty Creek,.....	H. C. Boyd,.....	Weeksville,	"
Great Swamp,.....	Leonidas Flemming,.....	Greenville,	"
Hopeland,.....	I. W. Bass,.....	Whitakers,	"
Hamilton,.....	J. C. Hoard,.....	Hamilton,	"
Jamesville,.....	Marcellus Stubbs,.....	Jamesville,	"
Kehukee,.....	B. I. Allsbrook,.....	Scotland Neck,	"
Lawrence,.....	J. M. Howell,.....	Tarboro,	"
Lebanon,.....	Edward Twiford,.....	East Lake,	"
Morattcock,.....	J. McBowen,.....	Plymouth,	"
North Creek.....	W. B. Brinn,.....	Yatesville,	"
Providence,.....	W. T. Beachman,.....	Kitty Hawk,	"
Pungo,.....	H. L. Davis,.....	Pungo,	"
Rocky Swamp,.....	J. N. Shearin,.....	Heathville,	"
Sandy Grove,.....	McBrantly,	Spring Hope,	"
Singleton,.....	R. V. Warters,.....	Washington,	"

Skewarkey,	Eli Taylor.....	Williamston,	"
South Mattamuskeet,.....	Phillip M. Carrowan,.....	Swan Quarter,	"
South Quay,.....	J. B. Johnson,.....	Windsor,	Va.
Sparta,.....	Mrs. Hettie Night,.....	Old Sparta,	N. C.
Smithwick's Creek,.....	W. H. Daniel,.....	Williamston,	"
Spring Green,.....	S. W. Outerbridge,.....	Robersonville,	"
Salem,	I. W. Bass,.....	Whitakers,	"
Tarboro,.....	J. A. Cobb,.....	Falkland,	"

List Of Churches With Which The Kehukee Association Has Been Held Since Its Organization In 1765.

When Constituted	Name.	When the Association Met With Them.
1829,	Bear Grass,.....	1885.
1794,	Conoho,	1803, 1816, 1832, 1852, 1867, 1889.
1803,	Coneoto,.....	1829, 1841, 1855, 1864, 1892.
1803,	Cross Roads,.....	1808, 1822, 1834, 1845, 1860, 1873.
About 1810,	Deep Creek,.....	1819, 1854, 1870.
1757,	Falls Tar River,.....	1775, 1788, 1800, 1817, 1825, 1833, 1843, 1857, 1866, 1874, 1890.
1776,	Flat Swamp,.....	1791, 1831, 1853, 1869, 1883.
1790,	Flatty Creek,.....	1797, 1888.
1795,	Great Swamp,.....	1801, 1812, 1824, 1836, 1848, 1863, 1868, 1891.
1879,	Hopeland,.....	1886.
1742,	Kehukee,.....	1765, 1772, 1785, 1810, 1827, 1844, 1865, 1878.
About 1795,	Lawrence's,.....	1823, 1837, 1850, 1858, 1871.
1791,	Morattcock,.....	1809, 1814, 1830, 1849, 1880.
About 1800,	North Creek,.....	1820, 1828.
1787,	Skewarkey,.....	1793, 1806, 1818, 1826, 1835, 1842, 1859, 1887.
About 1795,	S. Mattamuskeet	1876.
1785,	South Quay,.....	1786, 1840, 1856, 1884.
1803,	Smithwick's C'k,	1872, 1881.
1811,	Spring Green,.....	1838, 1847, 1862, 1879.
1819,	Tarboro,.....	1882.
1804,	William's,.....	1813, 1846, 1861, 1875.

Thus the Association has been held 11 times at the Falls of Tar River ; 8 times at Great Swamp, Kehukee and Skewarkey ; 6 times at Conoho and Cross Roads ; 5 times at Coneoto, Flat Swamp, Lawrence's and Morattcock ; 4 times at South Quay and William's ; 3 times at Deep Creek ; 2 times at Flatty Creek, North Creek and Smithwick's : once at Bear Grass, Hopeland, South Mattamuskeet and Tarboro ; and not at all with the other 18 churches. The Falls and Great Swamp have had the Association on an average of once in 12 years ; Skewarkey and Hopeland, in 13 years ; Cross Roads in 15 years ; Kehukee and Conoho in 16 years ; Coneoto in 17 years ; Lawrence's in 19 years ; Morattcock in 20 years ; William's in 22 years ; Flat Swamp in 23 ; South Quay and Deep Creek in 27 years ; Smithwick's Creek in 44 years : Flatty Creek in 51 : Bear Grass in 63 years ; Tarboro in 73 years, and South Mattamuskeet in 97 years. Of the 18 churches that have not had the Association to meet with them two are nearly extinct (Bethlehem, in Pasquotank county, and Coinjock,) 10 others are so distant from the most of the churches as too inconvenient to reach (Bethlehem, in Tyrrell county, Beulah, Concord, Cypress Grove, Elim, Lebanon, Providence, Pungo, Rocky Swamp and Sandy Grove;) two others have been recently constituted, (Hamilton and Singleton); one other asked for the Association in 1887 (Sparta,) and the three others (Brierly Swamp, Jamesville and White Plains) may have asked for it at some time, but I am not able to say when.

S. HASSELL.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Kehukee Baptist Association convened with the church at Co-noeta, Edgecombe county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1892, and was highly favored with able ministers of the New Testament to declare unto us the way of salvation, which is by grace from first to last. Dear brethren, we should feel thankful to our God for such wonderful blessings of coming together in peace and fellowship one with another and to hear the gospel preached by his dear servants. Dear brethren, we would admonish you to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled with the yoke of bondage. We beseech you that ye walk worthy of the voca-

tion wherewith ye are called with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Dear brethren, this bond of peace is the bond of love, as long as we love our brother this bond cannot be broken. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in christian love.

Our next Association is appointed to set with the church at Flatty Creek, Pasquotank county, N. C., at which time and place we hope to meet many of you.

Finally, brethren, be of good comfort, be of one mind and the God of peace and love shall be with you all. Amen.

S. HASSELL, Moderator.

OBITUARY.

At half past twelve o'clock Friday evening, June 3rd, 1892, Elder Albert Cartwright at the residence of Mr John W. Jester, in Swan Quarter, N. C., after a severe illness of five days, and in the seventy-six year of his age gently fell asleep in the arms or his most merciful Redeemer. He was born July 3rd, 1816, on the north side of Mattamuskeet Lake, Hyde county, N. C., at which place he lived until a few years after the late war, when he moved to a settlement called Rose Bay in same county to be more central among the churches he served. At his death he had the pastoral care of three churches, two in Hyde and one in Tyrrell counties, and when not providentially hindered, was ever faithful in attending them to the edifying of his brethren and the honor of his Lord and Master.

In 1841 he was married to Miss Nancy M. Jordan, who it is said was a great beauty of her day, and with whom he lived happily for nearly fifty-three years, or until they were separated by his death. When they had lived together fifty years their children gave them a golden wedding, to which their neighbors and friends were invited and were present to partake of the fine costly supper which they gave them. The writer of this sketch was present and enjoyed the occasion very much, in singing and praying with them and addressing the people relative to that special occasion.

From the union of the above couple were born several children—the exact number I do not know—only three survive him, one son and two daughters, with several grand-children. Our beloved brother was received in fellowship of the Primitive Baptist church on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1851, and was baptized on the following day by Elder G. W. Carawan. Sometime after he united with the church he felt called by his divine Master to preach the gospel of the son of God, which he did very acceptably to his brethren the remainder of his days.

Returning from meeting at Juniper Bay, Elder Greenwood's appointment Sunday evening, in company with my wife and myself, he and wife stopped out of a shower of rain, at the house of Mr. Jester, and during the night he was taken very sick with a chill and vomiting, and was no better next morning. Dr. Credle was sent for, and came and did all in his power to relieve him, but all human efforts were vain. He gradually kept sinking until Friday a little past the middle of the day, which was the 3rd of June, the Lord whom he so much loved and served called his faithful servant away from earth to Heaven where for him there will be no more suffering, pain and sorrow, but all will be pleasure, joy and peace for ever. He doubtless called his aged servant away from the evil to come, to receive the crown of righteousness which was laid up in Heaven for him and for all that love the appearing of our Lord Jesus.

On the following day his remains were conveyed to the north side of the Lake near Bethel church, to the house of a friend, where it remained for the night, and on Sunday morning, first Sunday in June, and the time of the church's quarterly meeting—was taken in the church house, where Elder E. P. Hudson preached a sermon to a congregation numbering, I suppose, five or six hundred. After services were ended, the pall-bearers conveyed the corpse of the dear brother to the grave in the church-yard to its lasting resting place on earth, where it will remain until the morning of the last day, when the body thus sown in weakness and dishonor, will be raised in power and glory, where its inheritance will be pure and undefiled, enjoying the blissful presence of his Lord forever. May Divine grace prepare us to meet our dear brother there.

Elder Cartwright was deservedly beloved by all the brotherhood that knew him and even other denominations and the world generally spoke well of him, carrying out the Psalmist's declaration, "that even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor." A man of this class said at the burial that he wanted to all join together and build a monument to his memory. Such is the result, my brethren, of leaving a good name for honor, virtue and honesty. These are the fruits of christianity which will perpetuate a name, when the high shaft raised by man to the honor of man will crumble away and be forgotten. The memory of our brother is specially dear to me from the fact that he baptized me, and he also was one of the Presbytery that ordained me and was spiritually to me, as a father to a son. May the memory of his virtues sink deep into our hearts and may we follow his footsteps as he followed Christ.

L. S. ROSS.

CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.					
		Mo. Meetings.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Lett.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.
Bear Grass,	Martin,	Elder J. N. Rogerson and Kitchen Taylor,	3	3	46	3	1 50
Bethlehem,	Tyrrell,	C. H. Davenport,	3	6	1	1	1 50
Bethlehem,	Pasquotank,	No Representation,	4	1	1	1	5
Beulah,	Hyde,	*Elders L. S. Ross and *W. W. Barnes,	2	1	1	4	29
Briery Swamp,	Briery,	Elder J. L. Ross and W. H. Williams,	2	1	1	4	22
Concord,	Washington,	*N. W. Ambrose and †Wilson S. Ambrose,	4	4	1	1	60
Conoho,	Martin,	N. K. Pippin, and T. B. Burnett,	3	8	1	4	103
Conoeto,	Edgecombe,	D. W. Cobb and W. N. Mayo,	3	1	1	4	2 00
Coinlock,	Currituck,	By Letter,	3	1	1	1	1 00
Cross Roads,	Edgecombe,	N. M. Worsley and M. G. Edmundson,	2	1	1	1	8
Cypress Grove,	Hyde,	By Letter,	2	1	1	1	75
Deep Creek,	Halifax,	W. H. Leggett and J. L. Whitehead,	1	1	1	1	50
Elm,	Currituck,	*†G. Dowdy and C. C. Aydlett,	2	1	1	3	1 90
Falls Tar River,	Nash,	Elder J. D. Armstrong and M. B. Williford,	12	22	13	1	210
Flat Swamp,	Martin,	H. D. Jenkins and S. R. Ross,	12	2	13	1	4 00
Flatty Creek,	Pasquotank,	*†Elder Chas. Meads and Jno. Meads,	4	4	32	1	1 50
Great Swamp,	Pitt,	Elders Samuel Moore and W. A. Ross,	4	4	36	1	1 50
Hopeland,	Nash,	Jesse Price and †Robert Armstrong,	2	2	32	1	1 50
Hamilton,	Martin,	Elder M. T. Lawrence and Whit. Davis,	1	1	32	1	1 50
Jamesville,	Martin,	Thomas A. Berry and Marellus Stubbs,	1	2	31	1	1 00
Kehukee,	Halifax,	B. T. Alsbrook and J. H. Alsbrook,	3	2	109	1	1 00
Lawrence, ^s ,	Edgecombe,	Elders W. F. Staton and W. B. Strickland,	4	1	1	1	1 00
Lebanon,	Dare,	Not Represented.	4	1	2	3	2 00
Moratock,	Washington,	J. B. Allen and J. Mc. Bowen,	3	2	58	1	1 00
North Creek,	Beaufort,	J. J. Smith and J. B. Williams,	3	2	31	1	1 00
Provident,	Currituck,	Elijah Gibbon and B. F. Perry,	3	2	1	1	1 00
Pungo,	Beaufort,	*†David Paul and †J. W. Paul,	4	1	2	1	1 00
Rocky Swamp,	Halifax,	*†J. N. Sherran and J. W. Atkins,	4	1	2	1	1 00
Sandy Grove,	Nash,	Elder B. Greenwood and Bro Mc. Brantley,	3	1	15	1	1 00
Singleton,	Beaufort,	Elder L. E. Everett, S. C. Williams and R. V. Waters,	3	1	40	2	2 00
Skewarkey,	Martin,	Elder S. Hassell and Wm. Slade,	2	1	14	1	1 00
South Mattamuskeet,	Nash,	*†Phillip M. Carrowan and †Wm. Hudson,	2	1	84	2	2 00
Salen,	Southampton, Va.	I. W. Bass and J. H. Green,	2	1	91	1	1 50
Sparta,	Edgecombe,	*†G. A. Johnson,	1	1	5	1	50
Smithwick's Creek,	Hyde,	By Letter,	4	1	10	1	1 00
Spring Green,	Martin,	Elder Henry Peel and S. D. Ward,	4	1	75	1	1 00
Tarboro,	Edgecombe,	Elder G. D. Roberson and S. W. Outerbridge,	4	5	39	1	1 00
White Plains,	Beaufort,	Wm. H. Bradley and J. A. Cobb,	1	2	8	1	1 50
Williams,	Edgecombe,	*†N. H. Harrison and M. L. Waters,	1	2	70	1	1 50
		W. W. Vick and C. H. Spivey,	3	1	49	1	1 00
			4	1	64	1	1 50

MINUTES
OF THE
63RD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER
Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCHES AT
SALEM MEETING HOUSE, JOHNSTON CO., N. C.

September 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1892.



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PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. J. T. Coats from Rom. 8th chapt. 33rd verse. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

2nd. After a short recess the brethren came together, and, after praise and prayer by Eld. Jno. D. Scott, the Association was organized, by appointing Elder. J. T. Coats Moderator, and Eld. J. A. T. Jones Cl'k. who called to his assistance Bro. Jno. Stephenson.

3rd. Appointed Brethren G. S. Wilson and S. R. Surles a committee on Finance.

4th. Then invited all corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations to take seats with us.

5th. Appointed Elder J. D. Armstrong (Kehukee Association) and Bro. T. C. Hart (Contentnea Association) to preach at the stand to-day.

6th. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from Sister Associations:—

From Country Line—Brother J. W. Gilliam (visitor) and a file of minutes.

From White Oak—Elder B. H. Wooten and a file of minutes.

From Kehukee—Elder J. D. Armstrong and a file of minutes.

From Abbott's Creek Union—A file of minutes.

From Mill Branch—A file of minutes.

From Black Creek—Brethren Bunyan Smith, J. H. Creech, messengers, and Elders P. D. Gold and J. D. Scott and brethren H. Boykin, W. M. Boykin, and others (visitors) and a file of minutes.

From Contentnea—Elders B. W. Williams, J. W. Gardner and T. C. Hart and brother T. W. Wells and a file of minutes.

From Mayo—Not represented.

From Fisher's River—A file of minutes.

From Staunton River—Not represented.

From Seven Mile—Brother Josiah Eldridge and a file of minutes.

From Toisnot—Not represented.

From Eno—Elder G. B. Powell messenger and Brother G. T. Powell (visitor) and a file of minutes.

7th. Then called for letters from the churches composing this Association, letters handed in, read, and their contents noted in the Statistical Table. (See Table.)

8th. Then called for petitionary lettlers; none presented.

9th. Then appointed corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations.

To Kehukee—Elder J. E. Adams and W. J. Stephenson. A file of minutes.

To Country Line—Elder J. E. Adams and Brother Seth Woodall. A file of Minutes.

To White Oak—Elder J. E. Adams and W. J. Stephenson. A file of minutes.

To Contentnea—Elders J. E. Adams, H. F. Peedin and J. T. Coats. A file of minutes.

To Mill Branch.—Elder J. E. Adams, Brother W. G. Turner. A file of minutes.

To Black Creek—Elders H. F. Peedin, J. A. T. Jones, S. H. Braddy, and Brethren W. H. Lassiter, Jno. Stephenson, W. B. Godwin. A file of Minutes.

To Mayo—A file of minutes.

To Seven Mile—Elders H. F. Peedin, J. A. T. Jones, S. H. Braddy and brethren G. S. Wilson, J. P. Creech, and a file of minutes.

To Toisnot—A file of minutes.

To Eno—Brethren Seth Woodall, James R. Young and J. B. Hardie and a file of minutes.

10th. Then called on corresponding brethren to sister Associations to report. The brethren generally attended and those who did not were excused.

11th. Moved and carried, that the Committee on Finance take charge of the minutes from sister Associations, and prepare them for proper distribution to the churches of this Association.

12th. Moved and carried, that the Officers of the Association, together with the Messengers from Salem Church, be appointed a committee to arrange for preaching.

13th. Appointed preachers to preach to-morrow: Elders J. W. Gardner, T. C. Hart, (Contentnea Association) G. B. Powell (Eno Association) and J. D. Armstrong (Kehukee Association).

14th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Bethany Meeting House, Johnston Co., N. C. to commence on Friday before the last Sunday in September 1893, and that Elder James Wilson preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. A. T. Jones be his alternate; worship to begin at 11'oclock a. m.

15th. Then adjourned until Saturday Morning 10o 'clock a. m., Benediction by Elder James Wilson.

SATURDAY MORNING.

16th. Met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

17th. Again called for corresponding and visiting brethren, when brother G. T. Powell of the Eno Association came forward and took a seat with us.

18th. Then called on the Committee on Finance to report, committee reported :

Received from the churches this year.....	\$29 10
Balance from last year.....	\$00,00

Total.....	\$29.10
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Report received and committee discharged.

Paid for printing these minutes and postage.....	\$10 00
Paid Clerk for services.....	\$12.00
Distributed to visiting ministers.....	\$7.10

Leaving a balance of.....	\$00.00
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19th. Appointed Elder J. A. T. Jones to transcribe and superintend the printing of these minutes, have 1100 copies printed, and distribute them as best he can, and enter a copy on our Associational record, send 50 copies to Kehukee; 35 to Country Line; 40 to Contentnea; 30 to White Oak; 20 to Abbott's Creek Union; 20 to Fisher's River; 20 to Staunton River; 23 to Mayo; 20 to Mill Branch; 30 to Black Creek;

20 to Seven Mile ; 15 to Toisnot ; 20 to Eno ; and that he be allowed the usual fee for his services.

20. Appointed preachers to preach to-morrow as follows: Elder W. B. Williams (Contentnea Association,) Elders Jno. D. Scott and P. D. Gold (Black Creek Association.)

21st. Then agreed to extend thanks to the brethren and friends of the surrounding community for their kindness shown in supporting the Association.

22nd. Moved and carried that the church at Neuse be given until our next Association to set themselves right before this Association.

23rd. Moved and carried, that the Moderator of this Association appoint a committe of three to confer with Neuse church, or Messengers appointed by that church, concerning trouble there, in order that peace, union and fellowship may be preserved, and that said committe report the result to our next Association. The Moderator appointed Elder James Wilson and Brethren Seth Woodall and N. E. Allen.

24th. Moved and carried that Elders J. T. Coats and J. A. T. Jones be added to said Committee.

25th. Moved and carried that balance of funds in the hands of the Clerk, after defraying the expenses of the Association, be distributed to the visiting ministers.

26th. Then adjourned until Sunday morning 10 o'clock, a. m. Praise and benediction by Elder W. B. Williams.

The following Elders preached to-day: T. C. Hart preached from Ephesiam 3: 8, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Elder J. W. Gardner from Matthew 4: 19, "And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Elder G. B. Powell from Hebrews 13: 8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Elder J. D. Armstrong from St. John 14: 20, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder W. B. Williams opened the services of the day and preached from Judges 3: 20, "I have a message from God unto thee." Elder J. D. Scott followed from no particular text: Elder P. D. Gold concluded the services of the day and preached from Romans 5: 14, "Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."

The services of the day were closed by the Moderator, Elder J. T. Coats, who gave a faithful admonition to the brethren, and also by singing Hymn 613, (Lloyd's Selection of Primitive Hymns.) The congregation was large, and very well behaved, and marked attention was paid to the preached word. The brethren seemed to enjoy a feast from the presence of the Lord. We hope a divine Blessing may follow, and the name of God be glorified.

ELDER J. T. COATS, Moderator.

J. A. T. JONES, Clerk.

JNO. STEPHENSON, Ass't Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Distribution of Minutes.	POST OFFICE.	CARE OF
Bethany,.....	50	Pine Level,.....	Alex Wiggs.
Bethel,	15	Itiner,.....	J. B Hardie.
Clement,	35	Spilona,.....	W. H. Lassiter.
Elizabeth,	10	Little River Academy,	S. R. Surles.
Fellowship,.....	40	Polenta,.....	Jno. Stephenson.
Hannah's Creek,.....	45	Elevation,.....	G. W. Johnson.
Hickory Grove,.....	10	Rome,.....	H. M. Johnson.
Little Creek,.....	30	Smithfield,.....	Eli Batten.
Middle Creek,.....	25	Gulley's Mill,.....	J. A. T. Jones.
Neuse,.....	30	Temple,.....	R. F. Temple.
New Hope,.....	30	Troyville,.....	Elder J. T. Coats.
Oak Grove,.....	20	Cary,.....	J. R. Young.
Rehoboth,.....	40	Polenta,.....	P. R. Barbour.
Raleigh.....	15	Raleigh,.....	Mrs. Rufus Powell.
Salem,.....	40	Archer Lodge,.....	Wm. Hilliard.
Sandy Grove,.....	35	Myatt's Mills,.....	Joseph Dupree.
Smithfield,.....	50	Smithfield,.....	Seth Woodall.
Union,.....	35	Princeton,.....	J. R. Thompson.
Willow Spring,.....	40	Myatt's Mill,.....	W. A. Myatt Sr.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHOM WE CORRESPOND.

Kehukee—50 Minutes, Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.
 Country Line—35 Minutes, J. S. Dameron, Ruffin Station, N. C.
 Contentnea—40 Minutes, J. W. Gardner, Saulston, N. C.
 White Oak—30 Minutes, L. H. Hardy, Newport, N. C.
 Abbotts Creek—20 Minutes, A. P. Leach, Martin's Mills, N. C.
 Fishers River—20 Minutes, A. M. Deniy, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
 Staunton River—20 Minutes, R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.
 Mayo—20 Minutes, J. W. Griggs, Ridgeway, Va.
 Mill Branch—20 Minutes, Elder McLenon Wright, Haddock, N. C.
 Black Creek—35 Minutes, W. T. Hales, Pikeville, N. C.
 Seven Mile—20 Minutes, Cornelius Hodges, Benson, N. C.
 Toisnot—15 Minutes, Elder A. J. Moore, Whitakers N. C.
 Eno—20 Minutes, G. C. Farthing, Durham, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	MESSENGERS.	Contribution.	
			Total.	Deceased.
Bethany,.....	Johnston,.....	Elder H. F. Peedin, Brethren B. Crocker, J. E. Brown,	\$ 38	1 50
Bethel,.....	Harnett,.....	M. W. Denning, J. B. Hardie,	11	1 00
Clement,.....	Johnson,.....	W. H. Lassiter, G. S. Wilson, W. C. Lassiter, W. A. Lassiter,	1	27 2 00
Elizabeth,.....	Cumberland,.....	S. R. Surles, I. J. Carter,	1	7 1 00
Fellowship,.....	Johnson,.....	Jno. Stephenson, J. H. Massingill, B. F. Grimes,	5	36 2 00
Hannah's Creek,.....	Johnson,.....	N. E. Allen, G. W. Johnson, R. H. Creech,	1	36 2 00
Hickory Grove,.....	Johnson,.....	H. M. Johnston,	1	2 50
Little Creek,.....	Johnson,.....	Eli Batten, J. Holt, J. E. Edwards,	1	13 1 50
Middle Creek,.....	Johnson,.....	Eld. J. Wilson, J. A. T. Jones, Brethren W. P. Godwin, S. H. Gower,	2	17 1 75
Newe,.....	Wake,.....	Wake,.....	1	1 75
New Hope,.....	Harnett,.....	Elder J. T. Coats, R. T. Stephenson, J. K. Stewart, R. Matthews,	6	26 2 60
Oak Grove,.....	Wake,.....	James R. Young, Patrick H. Wilson, Israel Stephenson, G. H. Stephenson,	1	16 1 25
Rehobeth,.....	Johnston,.....	P. R. Barbour, Israel Stephenson, G. H. Stephenson,	6	33 2 00
Raleigh,.....	Wake,.....	Not Represented,.....	2	22 2 00
Salem,.....	Johnston,.....	Wm. Hilliard, W. R. Brannel,	1	27 1 50
Sandy Grove,.....	Johnston,.....	Joseph Dupree, S. G. Collins,	2	42 3 00
Smithfield,.....	Johnston,.....	Jno. H. Parker, W. J. Stephenson, Seth Woodall,	1	35 1 50
Union,.....	Johnston,.....	Eld. S. H. Braddy, B. C. Woodard, J. R. Thompson, W. D. Phillips,	4	41 2 00
Willow Springs,.....	Wake,.....	R. G. Temple, A. J. Walton, J. E. Fish,	1	2 7 11
		Total.....	219 2	429 \$29 10

MINUTES

OF THE

MAYO

Primitive Baptist Association,



CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

STATE LINE, STOKES COUNTY, N. C.,

May the 14th, 15th and 16th, 1892.

Also Minutes of the same Association held with the
Church at Piney Grove Meeting House,
Forsythe County, N. C., October
14th, 15th, and 16th, 1892.



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PROCEEDINGS.

STATE LINE CHURCH, Stokes Co., N. C. }
May 14, 15 and 16th, 1892. }

The Association met to-day. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. S. Collins, of Trinity River Association, from 4: 2, of Tim.

2nd. After a short recess the brethren came together and after praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Stubbs, letters from the churches were received, read and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Axton—J. R. McDaniel.

Buffalow—Elder J. J. Joyce, Brother J. S. Amos.

Cascade—Thos. H. Dunn.

Cross Roads—G. W. Long, A. Read.

Clear Springs—J. W. Redman and John Rierson.

Flat Shoals—F. G. Southern and H. M. Southern.

Five Forks—Not represented.

Good Will—B. M. Cahill and E. Davis.

Matrimony—Elders F. J. Stone, A. L. Moore.

Pleasantville—G. W. Carter and W. F. Newman.

Pleasant Grove—S. R. Biggs and J. T. Night.

Piney Grove—Sam Williams and Joel Simmons.

Russel's Creek—Elder L. D. Gilbert, brethren J. W. Hutchings and W. L. Hodges.

Ridings—Church dissolved.

Sugar Tree—H. C. Turner.

Spoon Creek—W. J. Griggs.

Snow Creek—J. W. Morefield, J. D. Young and F. J. Wood.

State Line—Elders E. M. Barnard, J. H. Wright and brother J. A. Leak.

Sardis—A. F. Neal, W. W. Bennett and R. Comer.

3rd. Elder F. J. Stone was chosen Mod. and J. W. Griggs Clerk.

4th. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations to report.

From Fisher's River—Elders W. H. Atkerson, C. Blackborne, John Moran, Gabriel Denny, J. M. Wyatt, J. A. Ashborne, G. O. Key, brethren G. W. Jones, J. W. Flippin, Wilson Fulk and Francis Venable.

From New River—Elder James A. Matherly.

From Smith River—Elders S. D. Williams, J. M. Blanctet, J. E. Marshall, Brethren C. W. Plasters, D. H. Martin, G. B. Gunter, J. A. Crews and I. N. T. Barnard.

From Pig River—Eld. Z. T. Turner, brethren S. Minter and H. C. Pace Elders A. M. Branscome from the Mt. Asso. and J. S. Collins from Trinity River and M. F. Stubbs from the Lower Canooche, Georgia, reported themselves as visitors and were invited and took seats with us.

5th. Elder A. L. Moore, Brethren B. M. Cahill and J. A. Leak, with Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

6th. Elders Collins, Stubbs, Turner and Wyatt, were chosen to preach

on Sunday, and Elders Blanceet, Marshall, Atkerson and Moore to preach on Monday.

Services to commence on Sunday at 10 o'clock, and the Association to convene at 9 o'clock on Monday.

SUNDAY MORNING, May 15th.

Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Matherly, Elder J. M. Wyatt preached from the 1: 3 of Malachi, Elder M. F. Stubbs, of Georgia followed and preached from the 16: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of St. Matthew. After an intermission of one hour Elder Z. T. Turner from the Pig River Association, Va., preached from the 8: 37, Acts of Apostles, Elder J. S. Collins from Trinity River Association, Texas, closed the services from the 5: 9 of Thessalonians, "For God hath not appointed us unto wrath." &c.

MONDAY MORNING, May 16th.

The Association met according to adjournment, Elder J. S. Collins offered prayer.

1st. Read the Rules of Decorum.

2nd. Called on those that were appointed correspondents to attend sister associations to report, some attended, some did not, those that did not were excused.

3rd. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Smith River--Elders A. L. Moore, E. M. Barnard, J. H. Wright, L. D. Gilbert, Brethren J. A. Leak, J. W. Morefield, W. J. Griggs and J. W. Flippin.

New River--Elders A. L. Moore, J. H. Wright, E. M. Barnard, brother ~~J. W. Griggs~~.

Pig River--Elders A. L. Moore, F. J. Stone, E. M. Barnard, brethren B. M. Cahill, J. A. Leak, A. F. Neal, S. R. Biggs, J. W. Flippin, J. W. Morefield, W. J. Griggs, J. W. Huggins and J. W. Griggs.

Staunton River--Elders A. L. Moore, F. J. Stone, brethren T. H. Dunn and E. Davis.

Country Line--Elders F. J. Stone, A. L. Moore, brethren B. M. Cahill, T. H. Dunn, G. W. Carter, H. C. Turner, J. K. McDaniel, W. F. Newman, S. T. Hopper and J. W. Griggs.

Abbott's Creek--Brethren L. P. Matthews, J. N. Hester.

Fisher's River--Elders F. J. Stone, A. L. Moore, J. H. Wright, L. D. Gilbert, E. M. Barnard, brethren A. F. Neal, J. W. Flippin, Joel Simmons, J. W. Morefield, J. D. Young, D. Collins, J. A. Leak, J. W. Huggins and J. W. Griggs.

4th. J. W. Griggs was appointed to prepare a circular letter to be read at the fall session and if approved by the association be attached to minutes.

5th. The association unanimously voted their thanks to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind hospitality in caring for the association.

J. W. GRIGGS, Clk.

F. J. STONE, Mod.

SECOND SESSION.

PINEY GROVE CHURCH, Stokes Co. N. C. }
October 14th, 1892. }

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. J. Taylor from the Center Association, text 12: 12, of Heb "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees."

The Messengers assembled in the house.

Praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Wyatt of the Fisher's River Association.

1st. Letters were handed in from the churches and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Axton--J. R. McDaniel.

Buffalow--J. H. Hudgins, J. S. Amos and J. A. Rice.

Cedar Springs--Taylor Dunlap, J. W. Redman and Wm. Heath.

Cross Roads--G. W. Long.

Cascade--Thos. H. Dunn.

Flat Shoals--Gabriel Bowls, J. T. Hix, F. G. Southern.

Five Forks--Not represented.

Good Will--Sam Hopper and E. Davis.

Matrimony--Elder A. L. Moore, B. H. Dyer and James Curry.

Pleasantville--G. W. Carter and E. J. Newman.

Pleasant Grove--Elder P. Hutcherson, brethren S. R. Biggs and W. R. Lawrence.

Piney Grove--W. J. Fagg, R. M. Stevens and Joel Simmons.

Russell's Creek--Elder L. D. Gilbert, J. W. Hutchens and W. L. Hodges.

Snow Creek--Geo. Fry, Henry A. Fry, and R. D. Holt.

Spoon Creek--John Hopkins.

Saint's Delight--G. C. Williams, D. R. Stafford and J. N. Hester.

State Line--Elders J. H. Wright, E. M. Barnard and brother J. W. Flippin.

Sardis--W. W. Bennett, A. F. Neal and J. H. Neal.

Sugar Tree--Letter, no messenger.

2nd. Elder A. L. Moore was chosen Mod. and J. W. Griggs Clerk.

3rd. The following correspondents and visitors were invited to seats with us: From Smith River Elders J. E. Marshall and J. W. Williams. Fisher's River Elders J. M. Wyatt, J. A. Ashborne and John Moran; from New River Elder James A. Matherly; Country Line Elder W. C. Jones and Elder A. J. Taylor from the Center Association.

4th. Elder E. M. Barnard, brethren G. W. Carter and F. G. Southern with Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements, and brethren B. H. Dyer and George W. Carter a committee on finance.

6th. Elders J. A. Ashborne, J. E. Marshall and A. L. Moore were chosen to preach on Saturday and Elders A. J. Taylor, J. A. Matherly and J. M. Wyatt to preach on Sunday.

7th. Agreed that the name of Ridings be dropped off our minutes, the church having united with the church at Saint's Delight.

8th. Then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock the association met pursuant to adjournment: praise and prayer by Elder E. M. Barnard.

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Read the Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Report of committee of arrangements received and committee discharged.

4th. Circular letter read, received and ordered to be printed in minutes.

5th. Elders A. L. Moore, E. M. Barnard, and brethren G. C. Williams, D. K. Stafford and J. N. Hester were appointed to visit Five Forks church on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Dec., 1892, and ascertain the cause for their not reporting themselves in the association.

6th. Brother J. B. Dallis was appointed to write an obituary of the life of Elder J. N. Bell deceased.

Agreed that the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them in our usual way.

The committee on finance report.

Received from the Churches this year,.....	\$30 10
Paid for printing these Minutes,.....	\$14 00
Clerk's fees,.....	10 00
Leaving in Clerk's hands,.....	\$6 10

9th. Appointed our next association to be held with the church at Cascade meeting house, Pittsylvania county, Va., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1893.

10th. The association then adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.
J. W. GRIGGS, Cl'k.

SUNDAY MORNING 10 o'clock.

The brethren appointed to preach to-day met a large and attentive congregation, the preaching, we believe was in the spirit of the gospel, and feel to hope the presence of the Lord was with us. May the blessings of God attend it.

Names of Churches and Times of holding Church Meetings.

Axton,.....	3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
Buffalow,.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Cascade,.....	2nd Sunday and Saturday before
Cross Roads,.....	3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
Clear Springs,.....	2nd Sunday and Saturday before.
Flat Shoals,.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Five Forks,.....	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Good Will,.....	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Matrimony,.....	3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
Pleasantville,.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Pleasant Grove,.....	3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
Piney Grove,.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Russel's Creek,.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Saint's Delight,.....	2nd Sunday and Saturday before.
Sugar Tree,.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Spoon Creek,.....	2nd Sunday and Saturday before.
Snow Creek,.....	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
State Line,.....	3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
Sardis,.....	2nd Sunday and Saturday before.

Distribution of Minutes to Associations With Whom we Correspond.

Kelhukee, 15 copies; Country Line, 15 copies; Contentnea, 15 copies; White Oak, 12 copies; Abbott's Creek, 15 copies; Fisher's River, 15 copies; New River, 15 copies; Smith's River 15 copies; Pig River, 15 copies; Staunton River, 15 copies; Black Creek 15 copies; Seven Miles, 15 copies; Toisnot, 15 copies; Eno, 15 copies; Mts., 15 copies and the Center 15 copies.

To the Brethren of the Several Churches of the Mayo Primitive Baptist Association:—Dear brethren, at the May session of your association held with the church at State Line, you appointed me to write a letter, and if approved at the October session be annexed to your Minutes. With a feeling of incompetency and unworthiness for the task and with a prayerful heart on the 3rd morning of October, 1892 I enter upon that duty. Being assured that you do not expect me to write a sermon, I will content myself to write some thoughts that may tend for our good. The Apostle James says, "Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith and I have works, Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works," 2: 18. Faith if it hath not works &c. Paul admonished the Phillipian brethren to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling. Now I do not understand that the Apostle had reference to their eternal salvation for that was wrought out and made complete in Christ the Lord when he cried out and said it was finished. But our time and temporal salvation we are commanded to work out, and brethren this salvation is for our enjoyment, our happiness and our peace, while we sojourn here on this earth. Now to work out this salvation our walk should be orderly and our conversation Godly, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We should visit the poor afflicted saints and administer unto their several necessities. For we read that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widow, in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. We should assemble ourselves often together and speak often to one another of the great things the good Lord has done for us, and leave off the worldly conversations and vain babbling that are so common among us. We should let our light shine and thereby prove to the world that there is reality in the religion of Jesus. Little things should not keep us from filling our seats at our church meetings, hold up the hands of our pastors, look well after their temporal needs, for it is surely wrong to muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. Be not covetous, and withhold from them our carnal things when they so abundantly administer unto us of their spiritual things. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Pastors of churches should study to show themselves as a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing and neglecting. Brethren we should not suffer such things to be, but let us be up and doing, and whatever we find for our hands to do, do it with our might. For we have it written, "That whosoever looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, is being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" James 1: 25. Now to the watchman, to them that feel that the Lord has called to the ministry, are you watching carefully over the flock which Jesus Christ has purchased with his own precious blood, and set you as overseer. Are not some of you gone off after other pursuits to the neglect of the churches, when you loose your hands from the plough and say as did Peter I go fishing, we may expect a goodly number of the laity to say, I go with you. I am of the opinion that pastors of churches are to a great measure responsible for much of the confusion that now exists among us. Brethren contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, exhort the churches more to love and good works. These lines written by the poet, describe my ideas of our duties more fully than I can hear them.

If on fair Zion's walls
King Jesus fixed your place
Your business he has pointed out
To preach his sovereign grace.

Tis not to sleep at ease
Nor flatter carnal mind,
Tis not to preach man's power and will
But Jesus crucified.

Go Peter feed my sheep,
My flesh and blood the food,
Said Christ to Peter and to you
If you are called of God.

Feed every little lamb,
And of the flock take care,
Contend for truth through good and ill
And never yield to fear.

Ye servants of the Lord,
Are you on Zion's wall
And will you in dead silence sleep
Nor warn the flock at all?

Rise, take the gospel sword,
The helmet and the shield,
Declare uncompromising war,
And never quit the field.

Now dear brethren, let me admonish one and all to seek the Lord, "Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit, whence ye are digged," And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. And may the good Lord have mercy upon us all.
Ridgeway, Va.

J. W. GRIGGS.

OBITUARY.

He was 74 years old at his death, which was the 11th of July 1892. He had been the pastor of Sugar Tree church thirty-one years. He died with gravel. His sufferings were great, but he bore them with christian fortitude. I went to see him six weeks before his death. He said it was the will of the Lord for him to suffer and he wanted his will done. All his talk was of Christ and his goodness to fallen men. He said, sister Hines I am suffering two or three deaths, but I haven't forgotten the doctrine. Oh I thought if my last days could just be like his. He had the Lagrippe in the winter so bad he never recovered. He said the Lord had given him a good wife to wait on him, he was so thankful for her kindness. He married Eliza Dallas the last time. He tried to work some tobacco about three weeks

house and told his wife he was no better. But I am no better to suffer than Job. While sitting there he preached a sermon, no one there but them. He would lie in bed and slap his hands together and say, bless the Lord and continued to do as long as he lived. When he could not speak he would look up and slap his hands. Oh what a glorious death to die. He was so kind to me after my husband's death. He came to see me and spoke such comforting words. He said he knew what trouble was. He was like all of Adam's race, he had his faults. He was a good man, a kind and affectionate husband. Sister Bell takes his death very hard. She says she has lost her best earthly friend. I know this is so by sad experience, but I hope the Lord will provide for her. This is written at her request by a sister that

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 3. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by consent.

ART. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, but shall fairly state the case as near as he can, so as to convey his ideas.

ART. 5 No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

ART. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission.

ART. 7. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of a public speech.

ART. 8. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.

ART. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks the rules of the De-corum.

ART. 10. The names of the several members of this Associations shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

ART. 11. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 12. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTIC, TABLE.

CHURCHES.

COUNTY AND STATE.

NAMES OF CIRKS. THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	NAMES OF CIRKS. THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Contributions.	
			Total.	Deceased.
Axton.....	Henry County, Va.	A. R. Beck—Axt.	\$ 22	\$ 2 (1)
Buffalow.....	" N. C.	J. A. Price—Ayelle,	1 31	1 00
Clear Springs.....	" N. C.	J. W. Redman—Lunt	1 24	2 35
Cascade.....	" Va.	Cove, Stokes County, N. C.	1 1	1 1
Cross Roads.....	" N. C.	S. Davis—Birdsey,	1 39	2 00
Flat Shoals.....	" N. C.	Pittsylvania County, Va.	1 1	1 1
Five Forks.....	" N. C.	A. A. Lawrence—alesville,	1 19	50
Good Will.....	" N. C.	F. G. Southern—lson's Store,	1 5	2
Matrimony.....	" Va.	Stokes County, N. C.	1 58	1 40
Pleasant Grove.....	" N. C.	B. Sprinkle—Fiveworks,	1 4	1
Pleasantville.....	" Va.	Stokes County, N. C.	1 1	2
Piney Grove.....	" N.	S. T. Hopper—Ingraham,	1 67	2
Russell's Creek.....	" N. C.	Manhony, Rockingham County, N. C.	1 1	22
Snow Creek.....	" Va.	J. T. Night—San Ridge,	1 1	1 40
Sugar Tree.....	" N. C.	Stokes County, N. C.	1 1	1 25
State Line.....	" Va.	G. T. W. Carter—easantville,	1 1	1 14
Sardis.....	" N. C.	Roekingham County, N. C.	1 10	2
Saint's Delight.....	" N. C.	D. Collins—Jewel Stokes County, N. C.	1 1	42
Spoon Creek.....	" Va.	J. W. Hutchings—Palmetto,	1 1	1 70
Patrick.....		Patriek County, Va.	1 1	1
Rockingham.....		J. L. Freeman, Jael Stokes County, N. C.	1 12	1 46
Stokes.....		J. J. Beck—Whield, Pittsylvania County, Va.	1 1	1 13
Patrick.....		J. W. Flippin, B. man, Patrick County, Va.	1 1	1 53
Rockingham.....		W. A. Gourley—Odney, Roekingham County, N. C.	1 1	2 00
Forsyth.....		J. I. Crews,—Kerrsville, Forsythe County, N. C.	1 1	1 50
Patrick.....		W. J. Griggs—Nde Ridge, Patriek County, Va.	1 1	2 50
			23	2 00
		Total,.....	41 13	2 5 10 12 629 830 10.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mill Branch Primitive Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT—

Simpson Creek Meeting House, Horry Connty, S. C.,

November 1st, 2nd and 3d, 1889.

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PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Thomas Bell, from 4th chapter and 20th verse 1st Corinthians: For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

2d. After a short recess, the brethren came together, and, after prayer by Elder J. R. Roberts, the Association was organized by choosing Elder Thomas Bell Moderator, and Elder McLenan Wright Clerk, who called to his assistance M. M. Harrelson.

3d. Appointed brethren B. H. Buffkin and Redden Cannon a Committee on Finance.

4th. Then read the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

5th. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations :

From Little River, Elder J. S. Coats, file of minutes.

From White Oak, Elder L. H. Hardy, letter.

From Contentnea, Elder J. R. Roberts, letter.

From Bear Creek, Brother L. D. H. Williams.

From Kehukee, Elder G. D. Robinson, file of minutes.

From Black Creek, no correspondence.

6th. Correspondence to sister Associations :

To Little River, Bro. George W. Gore, minutes.

To Contentnea, Bro. B. H. Buffkin and R. Cannon.

To White Oak, Bro. J. M. Hardwick, minutes.

To Black Creek, Elder D. N. Gore, file of minutes.

To Bear Creek, Elder Thos. Bell, Fall Term minutes.

To Kehukee, Bro. M. M. Harrelson, file of minutes.

To Country Line, file of minutes.

To Abbott's Creek, file of minutes.

Petitionary letters for admittance called for, when one was presented from Mt. Pleasant, Sumter county, S. C.; right hand of fellowship extended to messengers by the Moderator.

7th. Letters from the churches composing this Association called for. Handed in, read and their contents noted in statistical table. (See table.)

8th. Appointed to preach to-morrow, Elders L. H. Hardy, J. R. Roberts and J. S. Coats.

9th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Bethel M. H., Brunswick county, N. C. to commence on Friday, before the first Sunday in November, 1890, and that Elder D. N. Gore preach the introductory sermon, Elder McLenan Wright his alternate; worship to begin at 11 o'clock, a. m.

10th. Adjourned until Saturday morning 9½ o'clock;

SATURDAY MORNING.

11th. Met according to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

12th. Again called for corresponding and visiting brethren. No more present.

13th. The Committee on Finance was called on to report. The Committee reported as follows: Received from the churches this year \$27.75. Report received and Committee discharged. Paid for printing these minutes \$6.50. Paid Clerk for his services \$10.00. Distributed balance on hand to visiting ministers and brethren.

14th. Appointed Elder McLenan Wright to transcribe and superintend the printing of these minutes—have 400 copies printed and distribute them as best he can, and enter them on our record.

15th. This Association was organized by Elders James Wilson, of Wake county, and More Stephenson, of Johnson county, N. C., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

16th. That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends for their hospitable entertainment of the visitors to this Association while together.

17th. Elders D. G. Roberson, J. R. Roberts and L. H. Hardy preach to morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The services of the day were opened by praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

Elder J. R. Roberts preached from 15th chapter and 37th verse 1st Corinthians: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat or of some other grain.

Elder G. D. Roberson preached from 8th chapter and 10th verse of Hebrews: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people.

The congregation was large and attentive; the preaching seemed to be in demonstration of the Spirit and with power, and much to the comfort of the brethren. We hope the blessing of the good Lord will follow.

ELDER THOMAS BELL,
Moderator.

Elder McLEANAN WRIGHT, *Clerk.*

M. M. HARRELSON, *Assistant Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.		Contributions.
		Received by Letter.	Baptized.	
Mill Branch.....	Columbus, N. C.	Elder McL. Wright, B. M. Harrelson, M. M. Harrelson	11	\$5.00
Simpson Creek....	J. R. Horn, J. M. Hardwick, G. W. Gore.....	5	2.97	
Little Pee Dee....	R. Cannon, C. Cannon, W. F. Singleton.....	..	1.24	5.00
Feathery Bay.....	B. H. Buffkin, G. A. Fowler, John Stricklin.....	2	..	31.300
Pireway	G. M. D. Long, B. Benton, Jonathan Gore.....	4	..	26.150
Cypress Creek....	G. M. J. Ward	1	2	1.32.375
Bethel	W. E. Benton, M. C. Benton.....	1	..	1.15.150
Pleasant Hill.....	D. T. King, Joseph Bellamy.....	1	..	1.25.300
Mt. Pleasant.....	John Brown, William Brown.....	5	..	17.200

Names of Ministers belonging to our Association and their Post Offices.

- Elder McLenan Wright, Lebanon, Columbus Co., N. C.
- " Thomas Bell, Little River, Horry Co., S. C.
- " Jacob R. Horn, Daisey, Horry Co., S. C.
- " D. N. Gore, Clarendon, Columbus Co., N. C.
- Daniel Todd, (Licentiate) Daisey, Horry Co., S. C.
- G. W. Gore, (Licentiate) Sanford, Horry Co., S. C.

M I N U T E S

OF THE

PIG RIVER

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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DIFFICULT CREEK, MAY 1890,

AND WITH THE

Canton Creek Church, Va, August 1890.

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were chosen to preach on Sunday, and J. M. Lewis, A. B. Philpot and A. D. Short for Saturday. A. J. Castle, S. O. Plyborn, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, also L. Perdew and G. C. King were appointed a Committee of Finance to receive the contribution. Then dismissed until Saturday morning nine o'clock.

AUGUST 23d, 1890.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, deliberations opened with singing and prayer by Elder J. R. Martin. Rules of decorum read and received and committee discharged. Called upon brethren appointed to attend sister Associations who made satisfactory reports. Then called upon brethren appointed to attend section meetings to report. Reported a pleasant meeting. Then called on brethren appointed as a presbytery to Camp Branch church. They reported that they attended the request and ordained J. B. Wade to the work of the ministry. The Circular Letter prepared by brother John McGhee was called for, read and approved, and ordered to be attached to our Minutes, and that Elder Z. T. Turner prepare the next. The committee of finance then reported the amount contributed by the several churches to be \$26.10, deduct \$10 for the clerks compensation leaving in hand of Z. T. Turner, Assistant Clerk, \$16.10; \$14 to be paid for printing the Minutes. The balance to be given to Z. T. Turner.

Then proceeded to appoint correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To New River—Peter Corn, S. S. Wood.

Smith's River—Z. T. Turner, Peter Corn, A. B. Philpot, W. S. Minter, J. R. Martin, Silas Minter, A. E. Turner, H. C. Pace, J. Bird.

Mayo—Peter Corn, W. S. Minter, Silas Minter, Frank Gravely.

Staunton River—None for the present.

Then agreed that our next Association be held with the Goose Creek church, Bedford Co., Va., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1891, and that Elder J. B. Wade preach the introductory sermon and that Elder J. R. Martin be his alternate.

Hearing that there was some disorder among the colored churches that are in correspondence with us by the letter we appointed a committee to visit them and report to our next Association, John McGhee, Sr., John McGhee, Jr., M. Jamerson. Query shall we hold one or two Associations a year was put to a vote. The Association by a large majority voted to have two. Then dismissed with singing and prayer by Elder W. S. Minter.

PETER CORN, Mod.

JOHN R. MARTIN, Clerk.
Z. T. TURNER, Assist't Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

It has fallen to my lot to try to write what is called a circular letter. While I do not feel competent to the task, yet I shall draw the bow at a venture and leave the result with God, praying he may direct the arrow.

Paul to the Ephesians, 1st chapter and 4th verse, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

The question will arise who is the chosen in him before the foundation of the world. I understand it to be the bride, the whole mystical body of Christ, or that number that John saw that no man could number, out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The question will be asked, why choose this number and not all. My answer to this is that God is a sovereign, and has a right to do that which seems good in his sight; and again, secret things belong to God: revealed things to men. I understand that something was given to Christ in the covenant when the counsel of peace was between them both. "Thine they were and thou givest them me, and Jesus says all the Father giveth me shall come to me; for I came down from heaven not to do my will but the will of him that sent me, and the

will of the Father is that all that he hath given me that I should loose nothing but raise it up at the last day."

Now I understand they were chosen in him, that is, chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world. What for? That we should be holy and without blame before him in love; not by works of righteousness which we have done. Well, how then? But according to his mercy he saved us. How? By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. What about this washing? John tells us these are they that have come through great tribulation and washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white and clean. Again in connection with the text: "Who hath (in the past tense) saved us." Who are the THEM chosen in him before the foundation of the world and called with a holy calling not according to our works either, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in whom? In Christ Jesus. When? Before the world began. Isaiah tells us, "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they rise." What dead men are those. Men dead in sins but chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Again "In whom we have obtained an inheritance being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will," so then it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but of God that sheweth mercy. So brethren, I conclude that it is of love and mercy that they were chosen in him before the foundation of the world. This will set Free Willers to criticising, never-the-less the foundation of God standeth sure having this seal, the Lord knoweth them. Again Isaiah says, "I form the light and I create darkness; I make peace and create evil. I the Lord do all these things." Some conclude God made sin. I don't think so. Let us analyze the text, "I form the light." How did he do it? The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and said let there be light, yonder is the sun and I create darkness. How is that done? Why of course by withdrawing that light it creates darkness, don't it? and I make peace: now, it is God that makes peace with the soul and in making peace it creates evil on the other side just like withdrawing the light produces darkness. Now look at Cain and Abel. God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's, and Cain was worthwith his brother and slew him. Now don't it seem that by God's accepting Abel's offering that it created evil in Cain by doing good to Abel. It seems it created on the other side evil, just like withdrawing the light produces darkness.

JOHN McGHEE, Sr.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number 1.

Names of Churches.	Names of Messengers.					
		Baptized.	Received by L'r	Dismissed by L'r	Excluded.	Deceased.
Black Creek,	G. M. Bell, J. J. Timell,	1	1	35		
Bethel,	Letter, but no messenger,					
Canton Creek,	Letter, but no messenger,					
Chapell,	Letter, but no messenger,					
Chestnut,	Not represented,					
Camp Branch,	J. B. Wade,					
Difficult Creek,	Isaac Hershberger, L. B. Jaratt, G. H. Turner, G. W. Turner,	47				
Ephesus,	W. W. Blankenship,					
Fairview,	O. C. Wingo, W. T. Hodges,	11	1	5		
Fairfield,	Not represented,	1	1	22		
Gills Creek,	G. J. Robertson					
Goose Creek,	J. M. Johnson, J. B. Burous, T. J. Johnson,					
Little Creek,	Represented by Elder J. C. Hall,					
Linville,	S. O. Plyborn, C. T. Robertson, D. N. Hannabass, D. W. Basham,	53				
Leatheswood,	J. R. Martin, B. L. Stultz, S. Minter, A. M. Dove, G. R. Minter,	2	2	30		
Ninevah,	Not represented,	4	1	2		
North Fork,	Wm. S. Minter,	1	1	94		
Pig River,	Not represented,					
Republican,	Peter Corn,					
Reed Creek,	G. T. Turner,					
Snow Creek,	Not represented,					
Town Creek,	A. B. Philpot,	1	1	5		
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number 2.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

		Baptized.	Received by L'tr	Dismissed by L'tr	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Black Creek,.....	J. M. Bell, J. R. Bell, J. G. Tunnel,.....	3	2	2	...	68	40
Bethel,.....	Luke Perdew, Silas Chambers, M. D. Holland,.....	2	1	2	...	16	15
Canton Creek,.....	John Meghee, M. Jamerson, Josiah Love,.....	1	...	...	...	17	15
Chapel,.....	Letter, but no messenger,.....	...	...	...	...	...	44
Chestnut,.....	James L. Finney,.....	1	1	1	...	11	7
Camp Branch,.....	Lewis Holcomb, Jennings Young, H. C. Pace, A. E. Turner,.....	1	1	1	...	24	15
Difficult Creek,.....	Isaac Hershberger, J. W. Turner,.....	1	1	1	...	11	7
Ephesus,.....	Letter, but no messenger,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairview,.....	John Cundiff, W. T. Hodges,.....	17	17	17	...	...	17
Fairfield,.....	No letter nor messenger,.....	...	...	...	...	...	10
Gills Creek,.....	Letter, but no messenger,.....	...	...	...	...	...	45
Goose Creek,.....	Thomas J. Johnson, Joseph M. Johnson,.....	1	1	1	...	30	30
Little Creek,.....	S. H. Davis, L. T. Webster,.....	...	...	...	...	...	94
Lynville,.....	S. O. Plyborn, C. T. Robertson, D. W. Basham,.....	9	9	9	...	...	9
Leatherwood,.....	J. R. Mastin, B. L. Stultz, Joseph Bowles,.....	13	13	13	...	...	13
Ninevah,.....	No letter nor messenger,.....	1	1	1	...	1	1
North Fork,.....	W. S. Minter, W. W. Gilbert,.....	1	1	1	...	30	30
Pig River,.....	Letter, but no messenger,.....	6	6	6	...	127	127
Republican,.....	Pettor, Corn, A. Ingram, G. W. Canady, James Spencer,.....	3	3	3	...	4	4
Riced Creek,.....	Z. T. Turner, S. Coleman, Joal Feazel, James Bird,.....	2	2	2	...	2	2
Show Creek,.....	No letter nor messenger,.....
Town Creek,.....	A. B. Philpott, G. C. King, C. W. Davis, J. H. Davis,.....	71	71	71	71

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